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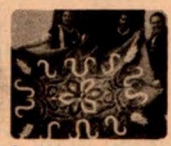

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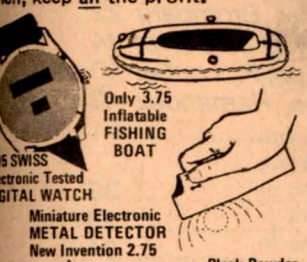

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AS I SEE IT

AN EDITORIAL

BY NAT LOUBET, EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

Sitting in this corner and looking out over the turbulent seas of fistiana, I can't help but want to make a few waves that might keep the ship of boxing from wrecking.

I see boxing commissions, both state and city, losing authority, becoming timid and almost lackadaisical in handling the power that they hold in their hands, but often wield impotently.

A good example of this is the New York State Athletic Commission, which is supposed to run boxing and wrestling in the Empire State. Time was when it did just that. New York State was the bastion of boxing and the New York State Commission lead the U.S., was respected by the NBA (later to become the WBA), and seriously reckoned with on foreign shores.

Today, the New York State Commission holds little respect in the boxing world and has about as much power in the sport as a single termite chewing on a log.

The big-time promoters are in the saddle and practically dictate how "it will be done" in New York. Their wants are adhered to and to hell with the consequences. In recent years, both the WBA and the WBC have been allowed to send in their officials to referee and judge fights in Madison Square Garden. This is a fairly new situation in New York. With the exception of the last couple of years, the head of the New York State Athletic Commission would not allow any outside official to preside in any way in a fight held in New York.

How things have changed! As a matter of fact, for decades, New York exported its referees all around the world to officiate in the important bouts. New York officials were considered just that good. Now, New York State allows both the WBA and WBC to dictate, through promoters, as to how and with whom fights will be conducted.

This dissertation on commissions is not with regard to New York alone, because the operation of one state might not seem important. In this case, a single state *is* important because it was the leader for so many years and, by virtue of the backbone manifested, it gave other, lesser state commissions the boost they needed to fight against those who would usurp their rightful powers. Organizations with no official standing–with the help of television–have been slowly but surely taking over the control of boxing, and not for the good.

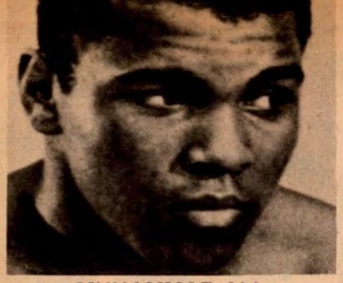
It is vitally important that New York State once again be heard from.

For years, the head of the New York State Commission was present at every important press conference in the "Big Apple." A press conference was empty without the head man in New York being in attendance. As a result, reams of copy publicizing New York was in constant evidence in periodicals, newspapers, radio, and television. The head of the New York State Athletic Commission's name was a household word.

As a result of the lack of leadership by the New York State Athletic Commission, other commissions around the U.S. no longer fight against a "take over."

The WBA and the WBC currently just about run boxing and it is time that the various state authorities pick up their cudgels and fight back–take back the power they rightfully possess. If the various commissions continue to rubber stamp the two unofficial bodies (the WBA and the WBC), boxing will truly suffer and take a long backward step.

The matter would not be as salient if the WBA and the WBC would work together for the betterment of boxing, but, unfortunately, they each have their own axes to grind, and the state of war existent between them is killing boxing.



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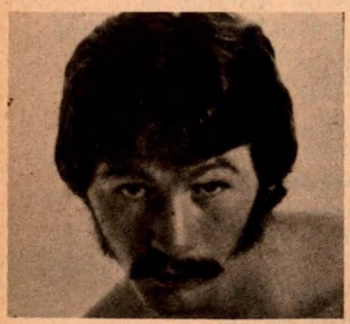

WILFRED BENITEZ

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EXCLUSIVE PICKS— THE FIGHTS YOU WANT TO SEE

By THE RING STAFF

One thing, more than anything else in boxing, has been responsible for the periodic surges of the sport to greater and greater popularity, and that is a contest between two fighters that the experts and the fans call a "natural"–the one fight which excites the imagination, thrills with expectancy; the match that boxing buffs can't wait to see.

There are many possible such fights, but, unfortunately, such meetings come on the fistic market too infrequently.

In recent years, the major reason for the lack of these top attractions has been the incessant war between the WBA and the WBC, who will not allow their respective champions to trade leather.

What are the fights, the "naturals," that the fans want to see?

Top on the list is a meeting between still world champion Muhammad Ali and Larry Holmes, the WBC champion. Such a fight would be the draw of the decade.

The public would like to see Robert Duran mix it up with the WBA welter champion, Jose Cuevas. The fans who pay the freight would also like to have the light heavyweight issue settled with Matt Franklin, the WBC champ, crossing gloves with the WBA leader, Victor Galindez. Another "natural" command performance along desire road is a meeting between the world middleweight champion, Hugo Corro, and his leading challenger, U.S. champion Marvin Hagler.

In the wishing well of fans is a desire to see the world welter king, Wilfred Benitez, bang it out with television's darling, Ray Leonard, who has twenty-two straight victories. It would be a must for the video viewers.

Last, but not least, would be a match-up between Danny "Red" Lopez, the world featherweight champion, and Wilfredo Gomez, king of junior featherweights.

On the following pages, *The Ring* staff picks the winners of these dream fights. Will any of these pairings ever occur?

If they do, how will *The Ring* staff of experts fare in the choices? Only time will tell.

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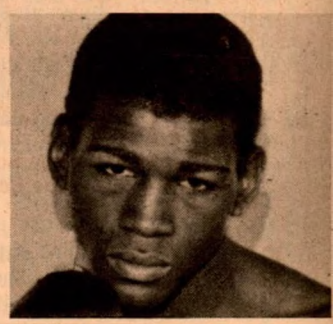

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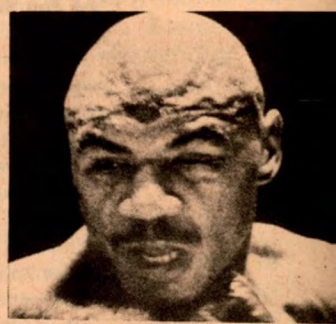

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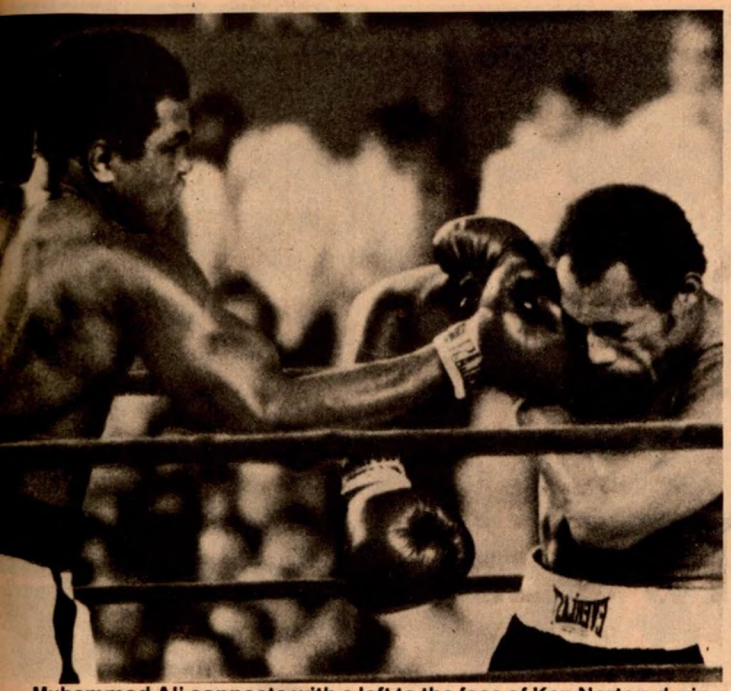
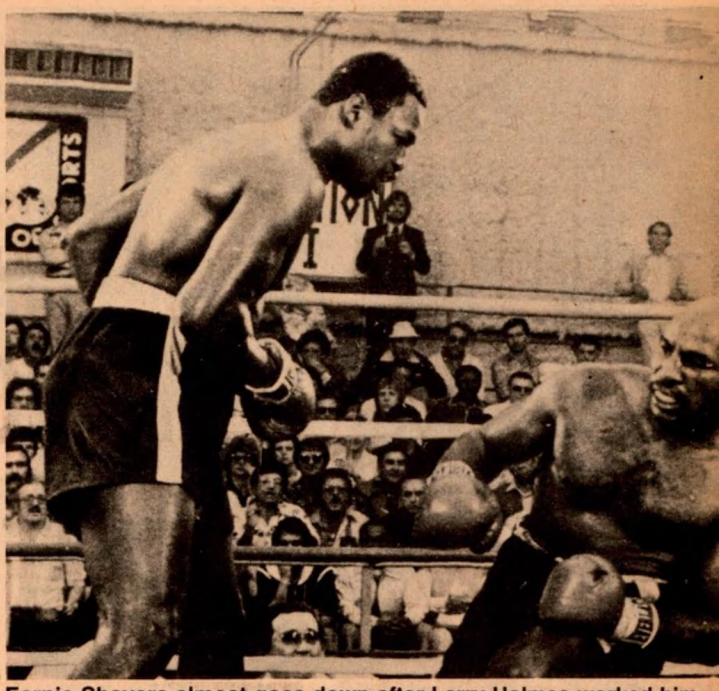
HOLMES OUTLASTS OVER-THE-HILL ALI!



Muhammad Ali connects with a left to the face of Ken Norton during their world heavyweight title bout in Yankee Stadium, September 28, 1976. Ali won unanimous decision.



Earnie Shavers almost goes down after Larry Holmes worked him over in the twelfth round of their heavyweight elimination bout in Las Vegas on March 25, 1978. Shavers won decision and went on to take the WBC title from Ken Norton.

A young Larry Holmes will overcome "Old Man" Ali. Age will beat Muhammad as the bout goes into the late stages. He'll be lucky to last the fifteen round route. Neither man is a big puncher, but if anyone goes down, it will be Ali-from old age, if nothing else. Holmes wins world heavyweight title.

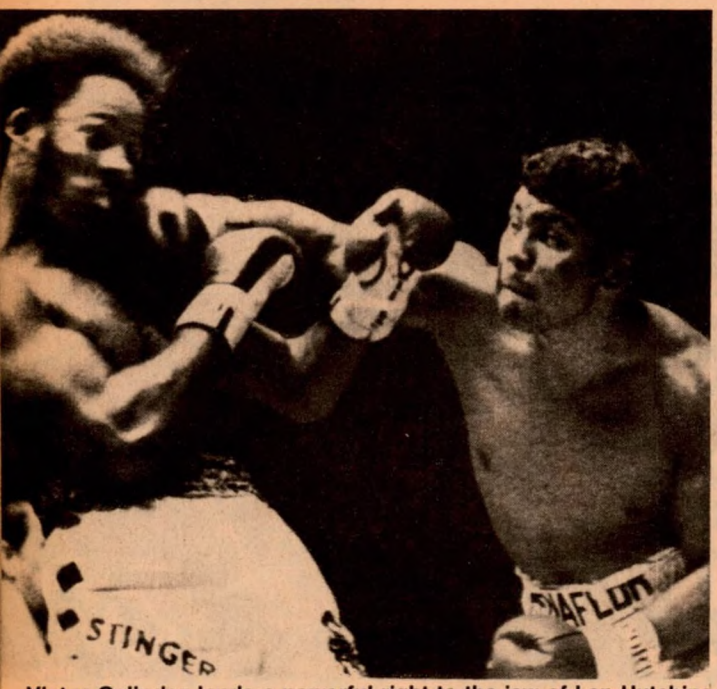
CUEVAS KAYOES DURAN'S DREAM!

WBA welter champion Jose (Pipino) Cuevas sends a crushing left hook to the jaw of Pete Ranzany in the second round of their bout in Sacramento. Cuevas scored a knockout in that round.

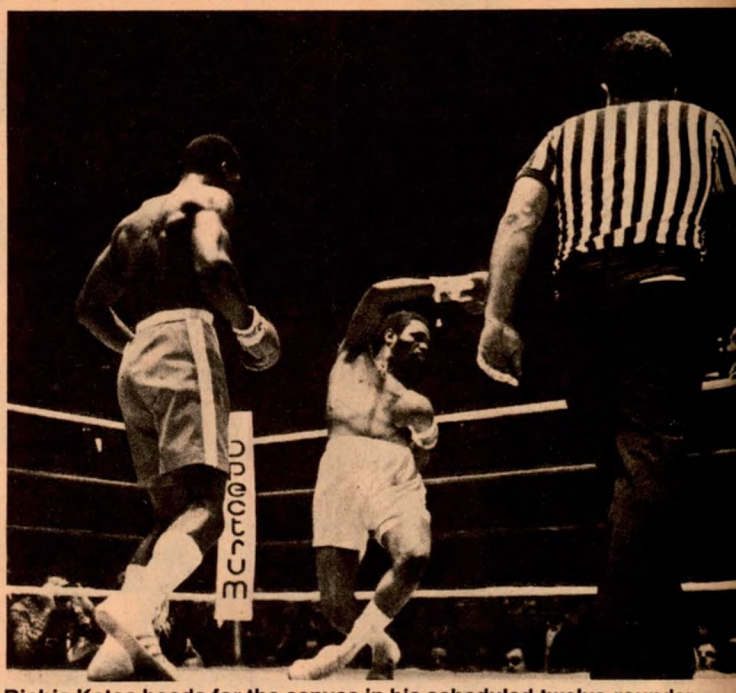
Roberto Duran looks down at Ray Lampkin, whom he's just sent to the canvas with a powerful left hook in the fourteenth round of a world lightweight title fight in Panama, March 2nd, 1975. Lampkin was out cold for a long stretch.

Jose Cuevas comes to fight and Duran will be right in front of him. It's power against power, with the real welterweight puncher kayoing the beefed up and slower Duran. The bout will go five rounds or less, and Cuevas will retain his WBA title.

FRANKLIN CUTS GALINDEZ SHORT!



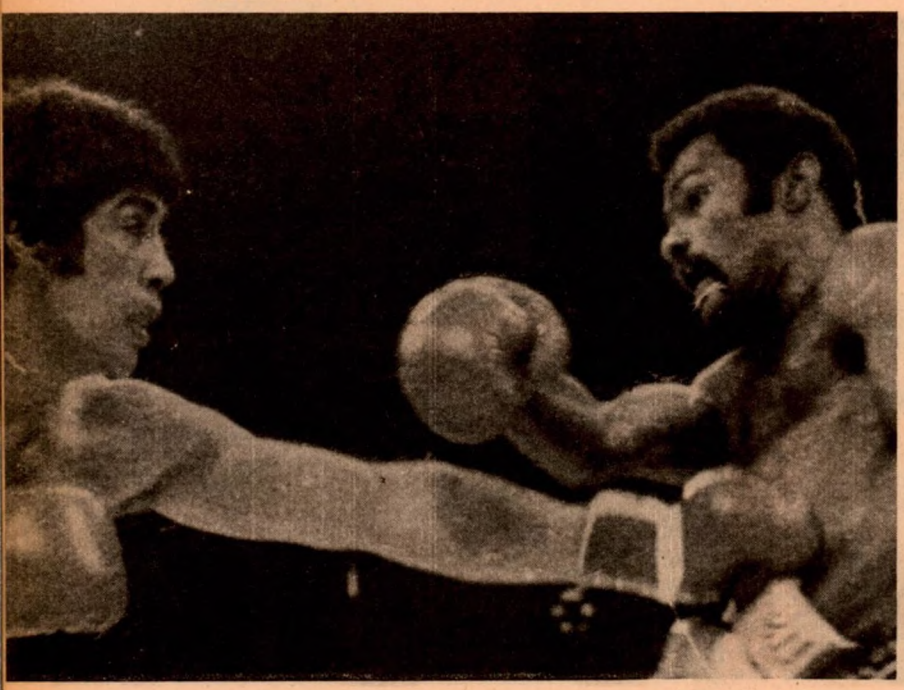
Victor Galindez lands a powerful right to the jaw of Len Hutchins in their scheduled fifteen-round bout in Luna Park Ring, Buenos Aires, on December 7, 1974. Galindez stopped Hutchins in the thirteenth to win the vacant WBA light heavyweight title.



Richie Kates heads for the canvas in his scheduled twelve-rounder with Matt Franklin at the Spectrum, Philadelphia. Franklin, who later won the WBC 175-pound diadem, stopped Kates in the sixth round.

Matt Franklin will use his height and reach to bust up the bad eyes of Victor Galindez and win the world light heavy crown. Both men may be on the deck before the fight ends in a late round TKO. Matt has youth on his side, too.

HAGLER PUTS CORRO DOWN UNDER!



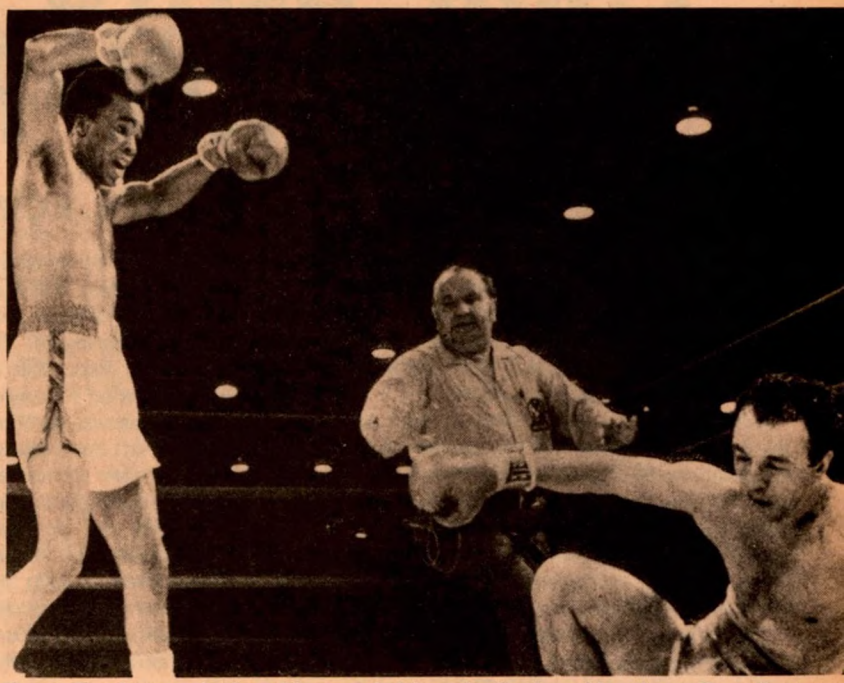
Ronnie Harris backs off from a right jab thrown by world middleweight champion Hugo Corro, who won a unanimous decision to retain his crown in Luna Park Ring, Buenos Aires, August 5, 1978.

U.S. middleweight champ Marvin Hagler delivers a left hook to the nose of Kevin Finnegan in the Boston Garden.

Southpaw Marvin Hagler will chase and press world champion Hugo Corro in his bid for the middleweight title. Marvin will corner Hugo and kayo the champ with a heavy attack of lefts and rights. Corro's best chance is if the fight goes over eight rounds. With but little firepower to keep Hagler off, the bout will end before then.

BENITEZ SPEEDS BY SUGAR RAY!

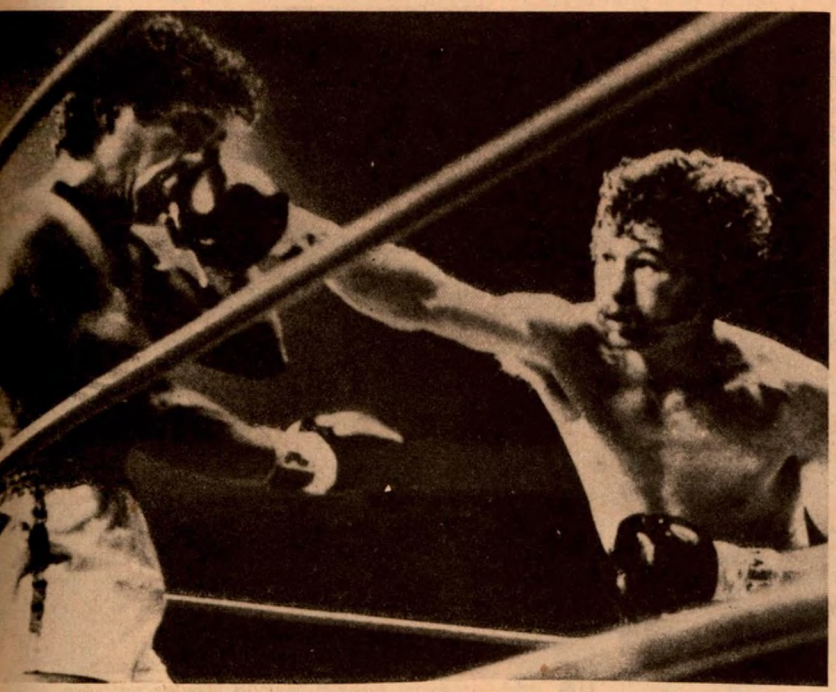
Seventeen-year-old Wilfred Benitez lands a long left jab on the mouth of Antonio Cervantes in San Juan, March 6, 1976. Benitez won unanimous decision to take Cervantes' junior welter crown.



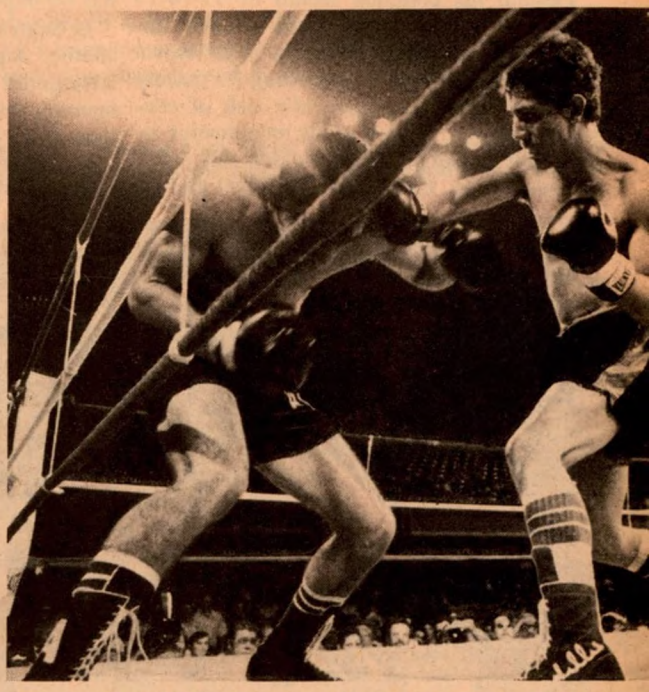
Sugar Ray Leonard raises his arms in triumph after knocking down Canadian middleweight champion Fernand Marcotte, Jr., in the eighth round of their scheduled ten-rounder in Miami Beach. Leonard stopped Marcotte with a hard right hook to the head.

World welterweight king Wilfred Benitez will box good enough to win a fifteen-round decision over ray Leonard. Sugar Ray will look good in the early going, using his speed and in-out attack with no great punching power. Wilfred will come on and use his fast hands to outpunch and out box Leonard over the last eight rounds.

GOMEZ PUTS LOPEZ DOWN-FOR GOOD!



Danny Lopez sends a hard right to the nose of challenger Jose DePaula in Los Angeles on April 23, 1978. Lopez scored a knockout in the sixth round.



Wilfredo Gomez sends Andres Hernandez into dreamland in the eighth round in San Juan, December 20, 1975.

Wilfredo Gomez, world junior featherweight king, will beat Danny Lopez for the latter's world featherweight title, winning on an early knockout. Both men are bangers, and may both be on the deck, but Gomez will put Lopez down for the full count. Danny is frequently on the floor against non-punchers. Then he gets up and kayoes them. This time, he will not get up.

PARK BEATS IGARASHI TO RETAIN FLY TITLE

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

Seoul, Korea–Very fast-moving Park Chan-Hee, Korea's world flyweight champion, showed his superiority in speed and skills, outpunched Tsutomu Igarashi, Japan's OPBF (Oriental & Pacific Boxing Federation) titlist, and gained a shutout decision in fifteen speedy heats at Changchung Gymnasium.

Unbeaten Park, in his twelfth pro bout, scored the first defense of the throne he had wrested from Mexican Miguel Canto via a fifteen-round upset verdict two months before. Park weightd 111¼ pounds to 111½ for Igarashi. There were no knockdowns, although the Korean champ perfectly outmaneuvered his awkward challenger throughout the contest.

The official scoresheets were as follows: Dick Young from Los Angeles 150-141, Japanese judge Shoichi Uchida 150-142, and Korean judge Chang Chung-Won 150-134, all in Chan-Hee's favor.

The 22-year-old champ made a fireworks from the start, while Igarashi, twenty-seven, looked nervous and cautious, losing the first two rounds. Park, standing 5′3″, the shorter by one inch, seemed faster but less powerful than expected.

Despite his common record of 17-14-10 with only six kayos, Igarashi recently improved himself enough to win the OPBF crown from Korean southpaw Yang Hong-Soo in July last year. However, Igarashi's lack of convincing power, as well as his monotonous attack, was a main factor of his defeat this night. In round three, Park received a slight gash at the eyebrow caused by an accidental butt with the crouching infighter. The Korean youngster began moving to-and-fro to prevent his slower opponent from stepping in. The fifth session was dominated by Park, who connected with a sharp right uppercut followed by a solid left hook, shaking Igarashi up for awhile.

The reported left hand injury of Park might have been true, for the champ seldom displayed the vaunted triple left hook with which he had defeated the previously invincible Canto, a thirty-year-old Mexican.

His victory over Igarashi upped his record to eleven wins including five knockouts, against one draw. Chan-Hee was born the fifth child of his family on March 23, 1957. He was an excellent amateur boxer who won 123 out of 125 contests with 77 knockouts or TKOs. He was Korea's representative to the Montreal Olympic Games, where he lost a close decision to Cuban gold medalist Jorge Hernandez in a quarter-final of the light flyweight division in 1976. On July 8, 1977, he made a fine pro debut by scoring a first-round kayo over Japan's Chuji Muto in Pusan. He has no experience abroad as a professional.

In September of that year, Park demolished another Japanese, Yukimitsu Kondo in the third round after surviving a knockdown in the opening session. One of his biggest wins was seen in October, when Park dropped OPBF junior flyweight leader Chung Sang-Il with a vicious left hook in round nine, copping a unanimous decision in their non-title tenner. In November, Park won his fourth by outscoring Australia's Daniel Pedro Solo in ten.

In 1978, he outpointed Filipino George Pedroso in ten, knocked out Japan's Puma Koya in two, stopped another Nipponese, Mikio Uchida, in three, finished Torayuki Nanasha in six, and beat Rolly Garcia Ramos, from the Philippines, in ten frames.

Prior to his crack at Miguel Canto's world throne, however, Park was held to a controversial draw with Flilipino champ Siony Carupo in ten rounds in February of this year.

What rapid progress Park Chan-Hee has made!

But his real power will be tested if he fights the ex-WBA boss, hard-hitting Guty Espadas of Mexico, new European titlist Charlie Magri of England, or tall Joey Olivo of Los Angeles.

Moreover, as Park is capable of making 108 pounds, he will be also a dangerous rival for Japan's WBA junior flyweight titleholder, Yoko Gushiken, who has kept his title on eight consecutive occasions.

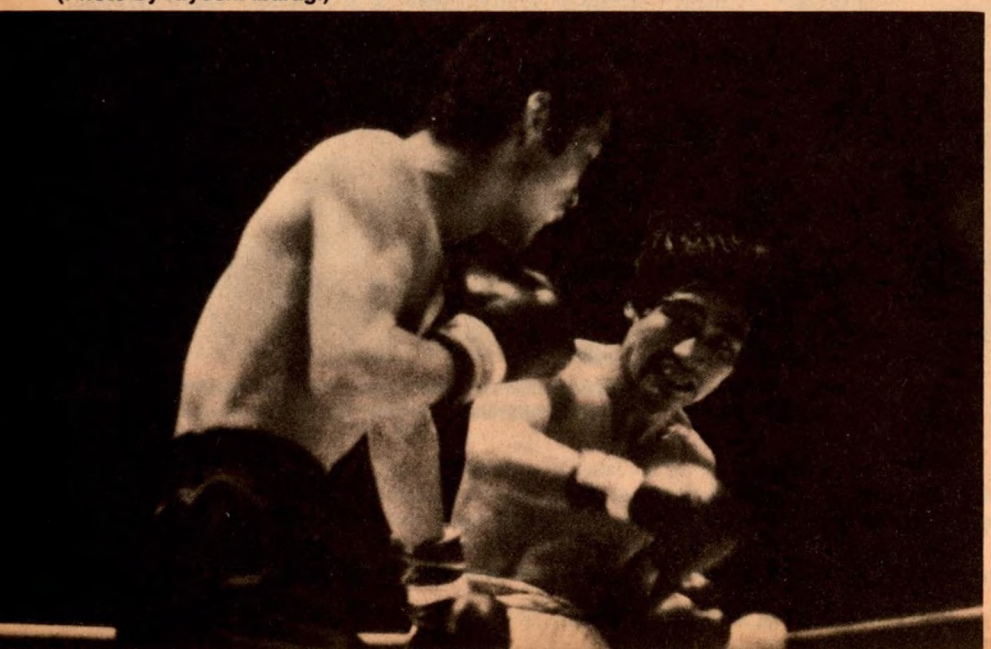
Igarashi, in the sixth round, attempted to mix it up, aiming at the body of the quick footworker. Referee Young ordered a penalty of one point against the low ducking Japanese midway in the session. As the bout progressed, Igarashi seemed no match for the fast, counter-punching Park, who hit his target almost at will as Igarashi came in close. Park's best was seen near the end of the seventh round, when his incessant combinations had Igarashi backpedaling from corner to corner. The challenger was saved by the bell.

Since thereafter, the bout became monotonous, as Park kept his busy but cool pace, and Igarashi looked like he was at a loss. Park hardly followed up even after his good shots caught the fading Igarashi. The world champ took command in rounds eight, ten, and eleven with great ease. However, Park's left eye became very puffed, perhaps because of the frequent butts. Aggressively taking the last two rounds, Park made it clear as to who the winner was.

As a result of the onesided affair, it is a doubtful question as to whether Igarashi, the WBC's eighth-ranked contender, was an appropriate challenger for Park. In three previous years, Igarashi had won only three, lost two and drawn four times, with no knockout wins or defeats, which showed he was nothing but a durable powder-puff boxer.

A roaring crowd congratulated Park on his first defense, though the expected kayo was not to be seen, owing to Igarashi's durability as well as Park's hand injury.

World flyweight champion Park Chan-Hee, right, follows through with a strong right against Japan's Tsutomu Igarashi. Park won a lopsided unanimous decision.
(Photo by Kiyoshi Ibaragi)



GOMEZ KAYOES TAMARIZ; VALDEZ BEATS RACINE

BY NAT LOUBET

Madison Square Garden in New York drew 10,035 paying customers to witness a night of fights, with dancer-singer and wiggler par excellence, Iris Chacon, also booked by matchmaker Gil Clancy in an effort to sell out the famed arena.

It was no sell out, but many of those who paid to make up the $156,684.53 that the affair grossed evidently came to see Iris. The many women in attendance was a rarity at a fight card.

The main event, scheduled for ten rounds, featured one of the best fighters in boxing today, Wilfredo Gomez, the junior featherweight champion of the world. He had a soft touch in Nelson Cruz Tamariz of the Dominican Republic, who was never in the contest from the opening bell.

Gomez and Tamariz sparred for most of the opening session with the camp sizing up his opponent and looking for the big opening. In the second round, Gomez decided that the bout had gone far enough and opened up with a flurry of lefts and rights, ending up with a left to the body, a left to the jaw and the finisher, a right to Tamariz's jaw. The time was 1:10 and it was all over, with Gomez winning his twenty-fourth straight victory, all of them gained via the knockout route.

Gomez has it all, poise, the moves, technique, and power to burn. He put it all on exhibit for the crowd. It is a shame that he wasn't fighting a more formidable opponent. Those close to Gomez indicate that this was only a tune-up for the fight he hopes to get next-a meeting with world feather champion Danny ''Red'' Lopez.

In another ten-rounder, Manuel ''Yuca'' Jimenez of Puerto Rico won a unanimous decision over Harlem, New York's Marvin Jenkins, who had eleven straight wins up to this defeat. By this win, Jimenez stretches his undefeated skein to sixteen.

The junior welter scrap was a timid meeting, with little action or excitement except in the last round, when both men went at it hammer and tongs, with only time keeping Jimenez from achieving a knockout. There were no knockdowns in the fight, although, in the seventh and tenth sessions, Jenkins went to the canvas. The referee, however, ruled them slips. Coming into the contest Jimenez had eleven kayoes, Jenkins six, and it was the first professional defeat for the New Yorker.

In a lightweight ten-rounder, Julio Valdez, of New York, gave Falph Racine of Canada, a boxing lesson to gain a unanimous ten-round decision.

In this, his first fight as a lightweight, Racine lost his second fight since turning pro. His much vaunted right hand punching power was never seen.

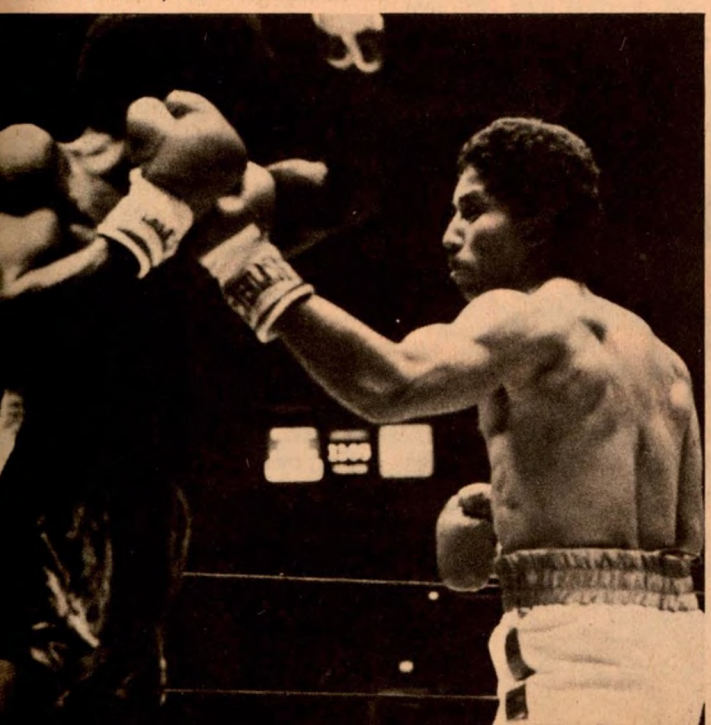
Valdez was too fast and too good a boxer for Racine, who made the mistake of attempting to box with Valdez in mid-ring. The few times that Racine did cut the ring down and corner Valdez, he failed to take advantage of these opportunities and just waited and waited and waited until the fight was over.

On the under card, in the opening four-rounder of light heavyweights, Ron Huston, of Weehawken, N.J., a former Golden Gloves champion, made his professional debut by knocking out John Powell in 2:18 of the final round. Powell, not a winning fighter, is a superb trial horse for new faces moving into boxing.

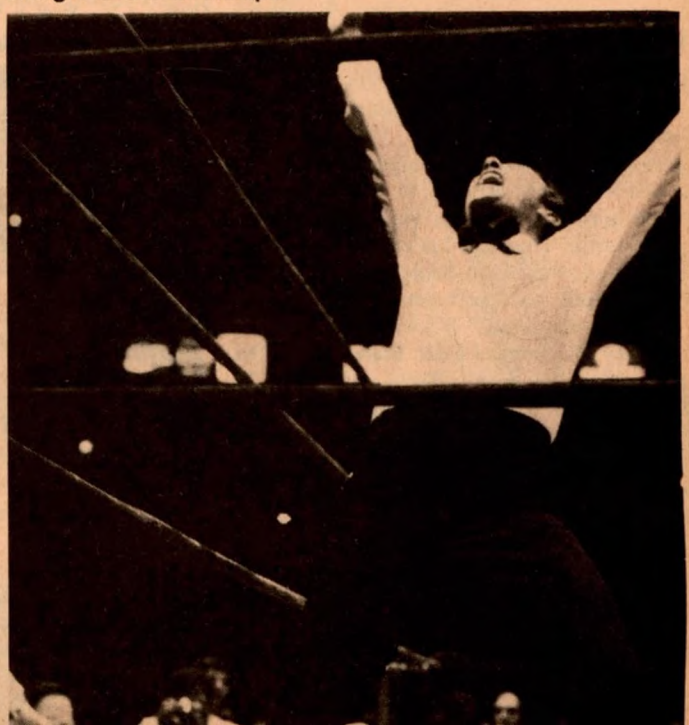
In a scheduled featherweight six-rounder, undefeated Carmelo Negron, of Brooklyn, continued his winning ways by knocking out Boston's Bobby Everett in 1:58 of round one. Negron swarmed all over Everett from the opening bell and after dropping Everett three times, the referee halted the contest. It was Negron's seventh straight kayo in seven fights.

A featherweight sixer saw Joe Nieto, New York, win his ninth straight by a unanimous decision over Philadelphia's Jimmy Washington, who gave Nieto a good fight right up to the finish.

World junior featherweight champion Wilfredo Gomez lands a left hook to the jaw of Nelson Cruz Tamariz in their scheduled ten-rounder at Madison Square Garden. Gomez weighed 125 for the non-title affair; Tamariz was 126¼.



"Ten and out!" Referee Tony Perez completes the ten-count over Tamariz at 1:10 of the second round. It was Wilfredo's twenty-fourth straight knockout triumph.



LEONARD OUTPOINTS GERALDO

By JOHN ORT

Marcos Geraldo hoists Ray Leonard following their ten-round bout in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Sugar Ray won a unanimous decision for his twenty-second victory.

Watching the Sugar Ray Leonard-Marcos Geraldo bout on TV, one wondered if the Mexican was ever in the fight. ABC's Keith Jackson kept on informing the TV fans that Leonard had won every round, but the judges, Charlie Joseph and Maxie Docusen, called it 6-3-1, and referee Peter Giarrusso had it 7-2-1, all for Leonard. Far from a shutout.

The Sugar Ray braintrust decided, in this bout, to find out what chance Ray would have in the big money middleweight division. Leonard's weight for this bout was 153, while Geraldo came in at 160.

Leonard didn't pass the test. Yes, he won the bout, but not the way he should have. Marcos had been kayoed eight times, five times in the first round. A quick knockout scored by Leonard would have put Ray on the road to the middleweight title.

Leonard nailed Geraldo many times with straight rights to the so-called glass jaw of the Mexican, but nothing happened. Even when Ray's combos bounced off his chin, Geraldo kept on coming. Lucky for Sugar Ray that Marcos was just a tough kid who couldn't break an egg. Geraldo had it all over Leonard in height, weight, and reach, but he was too slow to make use of those advantages.

Ray was in charge all the way. He used his speed of foot and hand to outbox Geraldo. The Mexican's punches were all blocked, and Marcos couldn't corner Ray against the ropes to open any big attack. He just threw wild punches, hoping to get lucky.

Geraldo's big round was the fifth. He had Ray on the ropes and pounded away with both hands, landing very little. As Ray moved away, he was tagged with a long right to the forehead. He looked hurt, but might have been off balance?

Marcos also came on in the seventh round and opened a small cut over the right eye of Leonard. This was the first mark on his face as a pro.

About the third round, Ray stated, "we butted heads, and I spent the entire round trying to clear my head."

Leonard went on, "This was by far the toughest fight I've ever had. I knew he was going to come out banging. My strategy was to slow him down a little, but he didn't slow down. I saw an opportunity to do a number on him in the early rounds, but he was a lot tougher and in a lot better shape that I had thought."

BRISTOL OVER ANDERSON

By LLOYD BLACKMOORE

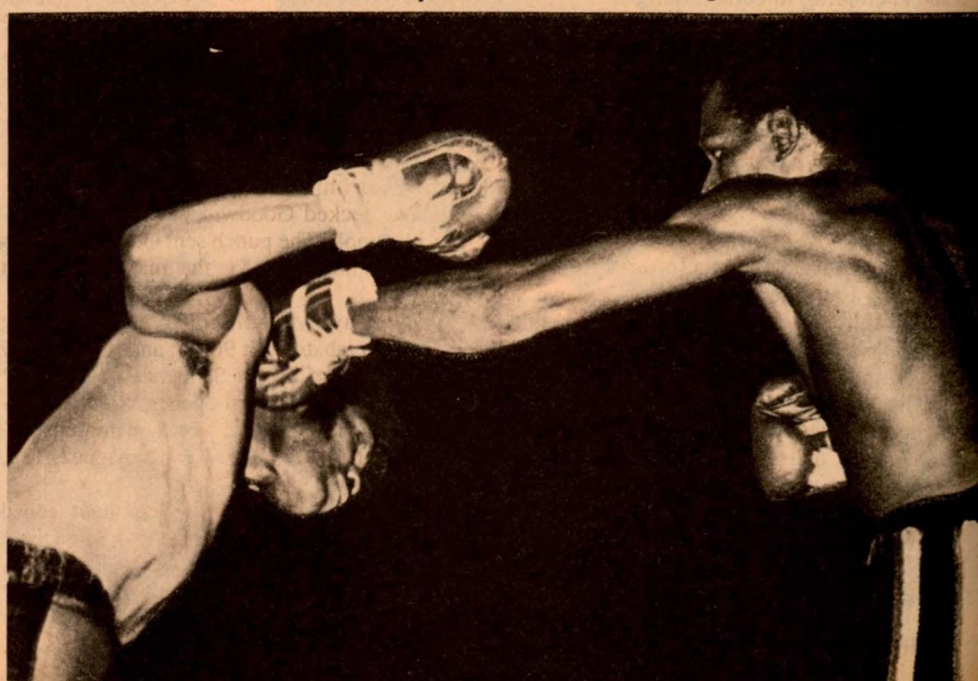
Georgetown, Guyana–Guyana's Kenny Bristol, 154, outpointed Alvin Anderson, 150½, Baltimore, in ten rounds before a crowd of 1200.

It was Bristol's fifth straight triumph; he's now 10-1. In his last start, he defeated Reggie Forde in fifteen rounds to win Guyana's junior middle title. Thus far, his only loss has been a ten-round verdict to Scorpion Ofusu in Accra, Guyana, on September 20, 1977.

Anderson is now 27-8-3 with seventeen kayoes. He had kayoed Dale Staley in his last start. Alvin has been fighting since 1967. He spent 1968 in the army and then campaigned from 1969 through 1974, when he temporarily retired after Fausto Rodriguez knocked him out in the second round. He's 9-3 since coming back in 1976. Ayub Kalule knocked him out in nine rounds on October 6, 1977 and Rocky Mosley, Jr., stopped him in the second round of a U.S. junior middleweight title fight in Las Vegas in November of last year.

In supporting bouts: Winfield Braitwaite, 140, knocked out Ranger Alridge, 142, in the first round of a scheduled ten. Bomber Goodridge, 152, won a unanimous decision over James Bernard, six. Maxie Sargent, 153, won a unanimous decision over Lennox Summerset, four.

Alvin Anderson lands a left on Kenny Bristol. Bristol won. His log now stands at 10-1.



HEARNS STOPS WESTON

BY SHIRLEY NORMAN

Las Vegas–Tommy Hearns brought his enviable, unbeaten record to 19-0 with a TKO over Harold Weston, who failed to come out for the seventh round.

The battle of welterweights, at the Dunes Hotel, was an unorthodox event from beginning to end.

It pitted the eighth-ranked Weston, 149, of New York City, against the fifth-ranked Hearns, 147 of Detroit.

It was Weston who did the talking before the fight, stating: "Hearns needs a boxing lesson, and I'm going to teach it to him. He's got a lot of pressure on him to maintain his undefeated record. I have no such pressure, and he's going to find out I'm tougher than any of his other opponents." (Weston's record is 26-9-5, with two of the losses in title bouts).

The cocky, fast-talking Weston was a complete contrast to the quiet, soft-spoken Hearns, who did his talking in the ring at fight time.

It was apparent from the opening bell that Hearns meant business, as he came out punching and dancing.

The first four rounds were all Hearns, as he rocked Weston several times with solid punches to the head.

Th twenty-year-old Hearns provided all of the action, while Weston resorted to defensive cover-up strategy.

Weston was hampered immediately by a cut over his left eye. The eye was swollen shut by the second round.

However, in the fifth round, the crafty New Yorker managed to turn the fight around. It was Weston who commanded the fifth and sixth rounds, as he had Hearns backing up, and attempting to counter-punch.

Fans were looking forward to a rough-and-tumble battle for the final six rounds. But then came the surprise ending: Weston could not answer the bell for the seventh round and Hearns was the winner on a TKO.

Weston maintained that his vision was gone. But, oddly enough, it was not the cut left eye, but a thumb in his right eye during the sixth round that cost him his vision and the fight!

After the fight, Weston offered this explanation: "I'm sure the thumb in my eye was unintentional, but I couldn't see anything. When he started moving to my left, I couldn't see him out of my right eye."

The ever-confident Weston continued: "There's no telling what would have happened if the fight had gone on. I was coming on strong in the fifth and sixth rounds, and I saw Hearns starting to slowly fade away. I still maintain he's got a lot to learn about boxing."

Weston then waxed dramatic as he said: "I think the good Lord decided he wanted Hearns to have the Welterweight title. So he took my vision away today to give him a chance to fight for it!"

Weston added: "This may be my last fight. We'll see what the eye doctor has to say."

Weston's manager, Howie Albert, claimed that it was his decision to stop the fight. "His father and I decided not to risk his vision any more," said Albert. "Harold wanted to keep on fighting, but we said no."

By contrast, the victorious Hearns was quic and humble as he stated: "In time, I'm going to become much better. I was working more with my left, but I wasn't getting too many right jabs in. I worked on his cut eye because I wanted to close that eye as soon as possible. I think, if the fight had gone on, I could have hit him with anything I wanted to. He didn't hurt me at all. He came on strong in the fifth and sixth rounds, while I was trying to adjust myself to a slow and steady pace. The heat and the smoke in the audience were starting to get to me, though".

Hearns concluded: "I know I'll go up in the ratings now. And I'm ready to fight any one of the top flight welterweights–including the champion".

The young, unbeaten Hearns has impressed fans from coast to coast with his talent and dedication. Eddie Futch, former trainer of heavyweight champion, Joe Frazier, had this to say: "He has tremendous potential. Strategically, he made several mistakes today, but those can be corrected. Hearns could be the welterweight champion within a year!"

Hearns led at the end of six rounds on the cards of all three judges. All cards read 58-56, scored on Nevada's ten-point "must" system.

In a semi-main bout of middleweights, Hearn's stablemate, Mickey Goodwin, did not fare as well. Goodwin, 162, suffered his first defeat after seventeen straight wins, as he lost a ten-round unanimous decision to Ted Sanders, 161, of Los Angeles.

Goodwin had sent Sanders down briefly in the third round, but the California fighter got to his feet immediately. In the eighth round, Sanders decked Goodwin with a picture-perfect left hook. The punch sent Goodwin across the ring and down for the mandatory eight count.

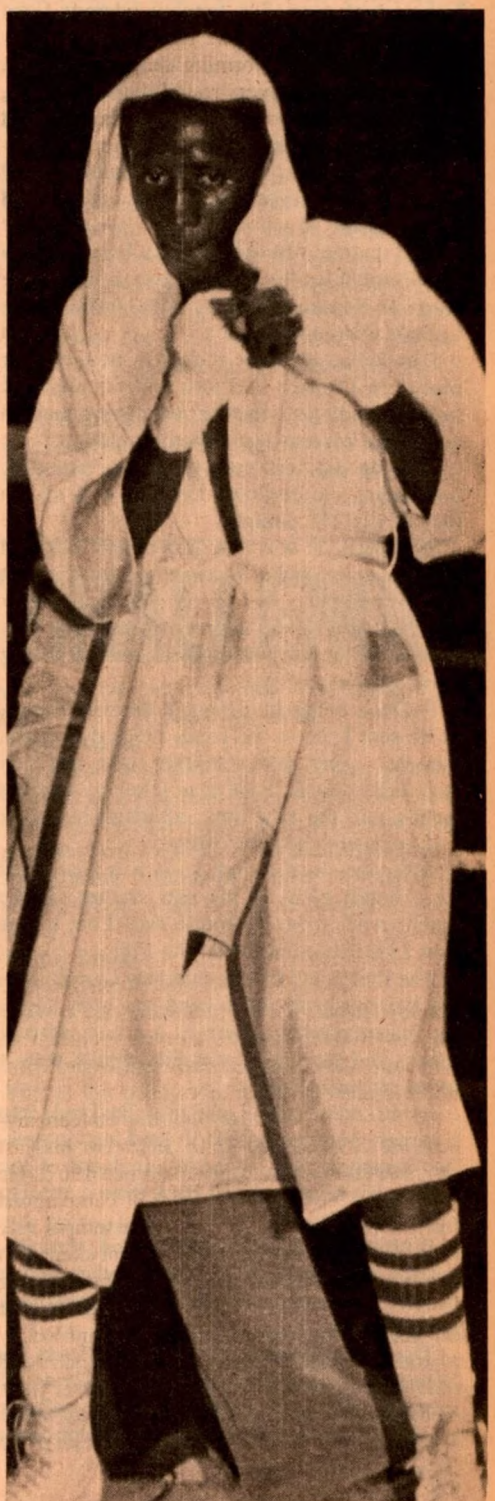
Judge Dave Moretti scored the fight 98-93; judge Lou tabat had it 96-93; and judge Dalby Shirley, 95-94, all for Sanders.

In a lightweight card opener, Roberto Garcia, 136½ of SanDiego, won a unanimous six-round decision over Emanuel Rodriguez, 138, also of San Diego.

A light heavyweight walk-out bout ended in a knockout, as Jessie Island of San Diego kayoed Neva Toefano, Los Angeles, in forty-seven seconds of the fourth round.

The Hearns-Weston fight card was broadcast nationally by NBC, with commentary by Dick Enberg and former WBC heavyweight champion Ken Norton.

Tommy Hearns, who stopped Harold Weston for his nineteenth straight victory. Weston could not come out for the seventh.



Lyle Beats LeDoux In Battle For "Survival"

By SHIRLEY NORMAN

The fight was termed "Survival," and it was Ron Lyle who proved to be the survivor as he won a ten-round split decision over his opponent, Scott LeDoux.

The heavyweight attraction, at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, was truly a "survival" slugfest, as both men were battling for their fistic existence.

This was the first major bout in over a year, both for Lyle, known as "The Denver Destroyer," and also for LeDoux, who is called "The Fighting Frenchman."

In the days before the fight, both boxers had stated: "The people want to see a fight, and they're going to get one!"

And it was a blood-and-guts brawl all the way, probably the most furious action since the Lyle-Foreman fight in 1976, in this same Caesars Palace ring.

Ron Lyle, recently acquitted of a murder charge in Denver, had also told his pre-fight training audiences that he was determined to regain the respect of the boxing public.

And he did just that . . . as he pounded, pummeled and punished LeDoux with all the fury of his 218 pounds.

However, it was the 225-pound LeDoux who appeared to be in command for the first three rounds.

There was little action in the first two rounds, as both fighters appeared to be testing each other's strategy.

LeDoux began his attack in the third round, as he sent Lyle to the ropes twice during the round . . . first with a straight right, and then with a left hook. Lyle was given a standing eight-count the first time, although his body had never touched the canvas.

After the third round, Lyle was instructed on a battle plan by his new trainer, Eddie Futch. And, from the fourth round on, it was Ron Lyle who dominated the fight.

The fourth and fifth rounds saw Lyle pounding LeDoux with brutal head and body shots. He maneuvered LeDoux to a corner several times, and pummeled the Frenchman with a series of straight lefts.

In the sixth round, LeDoux stalked Lyle into a corner, but was unable to land any impressive punches. But, as Lyle eased out of the corner, his head snapped back from a straight right of LeDoux's.

Both Lyle and LeDoux attempted, throughout the latter rounds, to pin the other into a corner. Each man outwitted this strategy from his opponent.

The seventh round was all Ron Lyle–as the "Denver Destroyer" delivered a series of stunning blows to LeDoux's head. LeDoux was boxed into a corner, and nearly went down before the bell ending the round.

The eighth round was more of the same, and LeDoux sustained a severe cut over his right eye. The eye was swollen shut by the end of the round.

In the ninth round, LeDoux hit Lyle with a shot that dislodged his mouthpiece. But Lyle recovered quickly, and went on to win the round.

The tenth and final round was a pier-six brawl, with both fighters feeling that this round would decide the fight.

LeDoux had Lyle on the defensive, and won the final round–but not the final decision.

Judge Charles Minker awarded the fight to LeDoux, scoring 45-44 in the Frenchman's favor. Judge Harold Buck scored 45-44 and judge Art Lurie 46-45 both for Lyle.

Many fans and experts thought the fight should have been called a draw. And others felt that Lyle should have been penalized for hitting after the bell in three of the rounds.

The victorious Lyle answered this accusation in a post-fight press conference by stating: "I would never do that on purpose. I have too much pride in myself as a man and in my skills as a fighter to have to resort to dirty tactics."

Lyle, who was unsually talkative, went on to say: "I want to thank the state of Nevada, and the land of America, for giving me this chance to prove myself. This shows what a great country America is, and I hope to represent it as a black man who is worthy of a championship. I just thank God the fight went my way today!"

The venerable Eddie Futch, trainer of many champions, including Joe Frazier, made these comments about his new protege: "Considering the short length of time I've been working with Ron, I'm reasonably satisfied with his performance. He fought the wrong kind of fight in the first three rounds, because he wasn't listening to me. But, from the fourth round on, you saw how the strategy changed. There won't be any problems in the future. Lyle has gained back his momentum after the year-long layoff, and you can expect some great action from him in future fights."

Scott LeDoux was a bitter and battered man after his loss. His mouth and eyes were painfully swollen; and he was adamant in his views of the decision.

Said LeDoux: "Of course I thought I won the fight. In fact, I thought the referee was going to stop it in the third round, after I sent Lyle through the ropes twice.

"I also think the referee should have taken points away from him for hitting me after the bell. But then, a guy who's lived Lyle's kind of life is gonna take those kind of shots.

"I had some trouble after that bad cut over my eye because I couldn't see him coming. But I still think I won the fight. The judges just didn't see it that way.

But life goes on, and there's no reason why I should quit fighting. I'll be back in the ring soon, and next time the results will be different."

A second heavyweight bout matched Leroy Jones, the North American champion from Denver, against Harry Terrell, brother of former WBA champion Ernie Terrell.

Jones was awarded a split decision, which was loudly booed by the crowd of four thousand.

Jones, weighing 240 to Terrell's 202, used his weight advantage to keep the "Cleveland Clouter" on the ropes through most of the fight.

Jones worked with lefts to Terrell's body and head while Terrell managed to counter with good straight lefts in the first two rounds.

Terrell was on the ropes for most of the third and fourth rounds, absorbing some bruising shots to his body.

Terrell became the aggressor in the fifth round, and landed several combinations to Jones' massive midsection.

In the sixth, Terrell clipped Jones squarely on the chin with a short left hook, but was then forced into the corner with left and right combinations by his heavier opponent.

Jones had Terrell squirming on the ropes again for most of the seventh and eighth rounds. By the ninth round, the mammoth heavyweight was visibly tired, and began

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Scott LeDoux lands a crushing right to the head of Ron Lyle in their ten-round bout held in Las Vegas. Lyle won a split decision.

A LETTER FROM RON LYLE TO THE RING

Ron Lyle with a copy of his favorite magazine. Ron recently beat Scott LeDoux and is trying to get back into the championship picture.

Preface: In that your publication can be called the undisputed "Bible" of the boxing industry, I am addressing this open letter to you, with sincere hopes that within the near future you will consider it for publication in your magazine, thereby enabling me to express some heartfelt ideals and goals for scrutiny by your many avid readers.

Through the course of a man's life he tends to acquire and hold dear a few proverbial truths, which, through all adversity, he attempts to apply to any given situation. One such maxim, which I firmly believe epitimizes the very foundation of our free society, lies in a mans' perogative to determine his own destiny; to arrive at honest goals and strive to reach those goals, despite stumbling blocks he might incur on the way. On November 29, 1969, I set such a goal for myself, putting my past to rest, and set my unwavering sights on the heavyweight championship of the world.

The road has been anything but easy, and I've had to swallow a lot of bitter pills in order to reach this standing. Perhaps the candid reflections of my embittered past contribute to my basic discontent with this standing and serve to feed my ambitions for the heavyweight crown. Although I've been determined to bear my own cross during my climb to the top, I've reached a plateau in my efforts, and need to call on the "peoples' " help in order to conquer that all important "mountain" and reach the peak, the heavyweight championship.

The "people" to which I refer is not the relative few who supposedly comprise the decision making process of the boxing industry, WBA, WBC, etc., but rather, those people who line-up at the box offices, pay the salaries of association top brass, and search for articles of their favorite boxing celebrities in *Ring* Magazine. *These* are the people I need to appeal to for help, and *To them* I make this promise.

I, Ron Lyle, have never accepted or expected anything to be handed to me on a silver platter. I have reached my current ranking by

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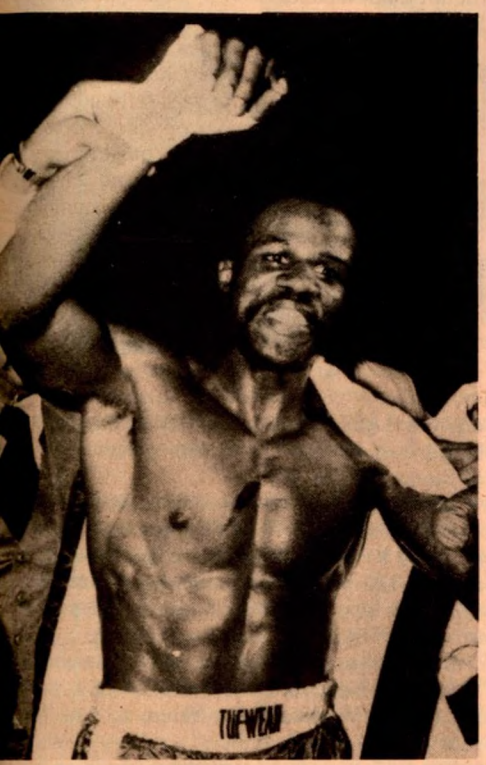


James Scott after he knocked out Dasgol Robertson in the second round of a scheduled four-round bout in Rahway State Prison. Scott challenges any light heavyweight in the world.

JAMES SCOTT CHALLENGES

Gentlemen:

We all know that I am a prisoner. However the issue at hand is can I fight, or not. Judge my ability as a fighter. After all, these are the credentials you all know me by.

We all agree that Mike Rossman was the biggest piece of cake, since cake was discovered, but I say to you, one and all, from Matt Franklin, to Galindez, John Conteh and Yaqui Lopez included.

I have beaten someone you have fought, or beat someone who has beaten you. Lets start from the top:

Victor Galindez

I fought three people who have fought you, one of them beat you, Eddie Gregory (1 point lost on foul)

Also, I knocked out Richie Kates and Jesse Burnett.

Matt Franklin

You are a good strong champion but you take too much punishment. Richie Kates knocked you down and Gregory took your heart. I will knock you out boy. Plus, when you retire, you will have problems. You see me in person, and you know I don't lose more than two rounds.

Marvin Johnson

You have been whipped twice by Franklin, and once by Lottie Mawale. You can give but can't take. I'll make you retire.

John Conteh

I was supposed to fight you in May of 1975. I challenged you in 1978. I knocked out Rolle, who went fifteen rounds with you, Jesse Burnett just beat the hell out of you and they gave him a draw. You're too "cute" to box. You should be an actor. I will destroy your good looks.

Yaqui Lopez

We fight in July

Boy, you done tried three (3) times, and lost to Galindez two (2) times. Conteh beat you with one hand, and Franklin destroyed you. You're too old to win the BIG GOLD. What the hell are you fighting for?

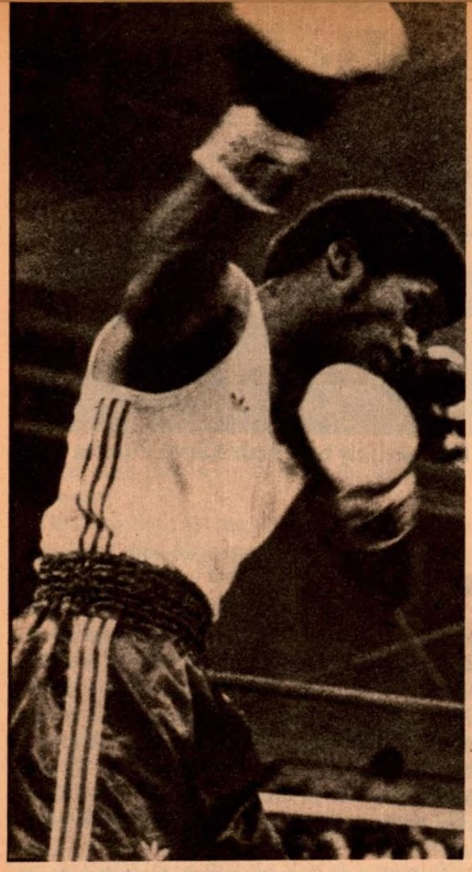
After we fight, and you get out of the hospital, I think you should consider another career.

My Statement

I have fought and beat five men who have fought for the title. How long shall we prolong this thing?

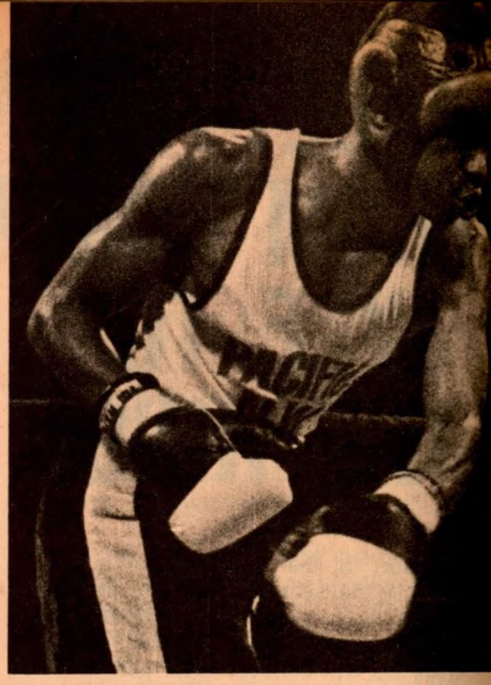
No one in the lightheavyweight division can beat me, and I am the only one in the top ten who is undefeated after fighting world class opponents. I am ready for a title shot–WBA or WBC.

Great Scott
The Uncrowned Champ.



Jackie Beard, of Jackson, Tenn., who won the 125-pound championship by beating Vincent Christian of Philadelphia.

Tony Tubbs won the heavyweight title by defeating Phillip Brown of New Orleans.



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NATIONAL AAU TITLE BOUTS

BY JOHN ORT

Lake Charles, La.–Tony Tubbs of Santa Monica, Clif., won the National AAU heavyweight championship by defeating Phillip Brown of New Orleans, La.

Tubbs, a loser to Greg Page last year, won a hard fought decision. He and Marvis Frazier are the two top U.S. heavyweights and will vie for the right to box in the 1980 Olympics. Brown had lost to Frazier in the finals of the National Golden Gloves in Indianapolis.

Tony Tucker of Grand Rapids, Mich., outclassed Andre McCoy, New Bedford, Mass., to win the 178-pound title.

Two-time New York City Golden Gloves 160-pound champion Alex Ramos, Bronx, N.Y., outpointed J.B. Williamson, Santa Monica, Calif. J.B. was last year's 156-pound champion.

Jeff Stoudemire, Cleveland, Ohio, the 1978 National Golden Gloves welterweight king, added this year's AAU 156-pound title to his collection with a decision over Alfred Mayes, St. Louis, Mo.

Last year's 140-pound champion, Donald Curry, moved up in class and kayoed Ronnie Newton, Ft. Smith, Ark., in the third round to win the 147-pound title. Curry is from Fort Worth, Texas.

In the 138-pound division, Lemuel Steeples, St. Louis, Mo., defeated Milton McCrory, Detroit, Mich. Lemuel won the National Golden Gloves title in the same weight class this year.

"Old-timer" Davey Armstrong, last year's 132-pound National Golden Gloves king, outpointed Robert Hines, Philadelphia, Pa., to add the AAU 132-pound championship to his long list of credits. Davey is now fighting out of Santa Monica, Calif.

Last year's big winner in amateur boxing, 118-pounder Jackie Beard of Jackson, Tenn., defeated Vincent Christian, Philadelphia, Pa., for the 125-pound title. Beard won the National Golden Gloves and AAU 118-pound titles in 1978.

Bernard Taylor, Charlotte, N.C., last year's 125-pound National Golden Gloves king, beat Pat Duran, Wichita Falls, Texas, to win this year's AAU 125-lb. Title.

The 112-pound championship was won by Harold Petty, St. Louis, Mo., who outpointed Nathan Mattos, Honolulu.

The 106-pound title went to Richard Sandoval, who decisioned Israel Acosta.

DAVID MOORE: BRONX BOMBER

By MICHAEL HARRIS GOODMAN

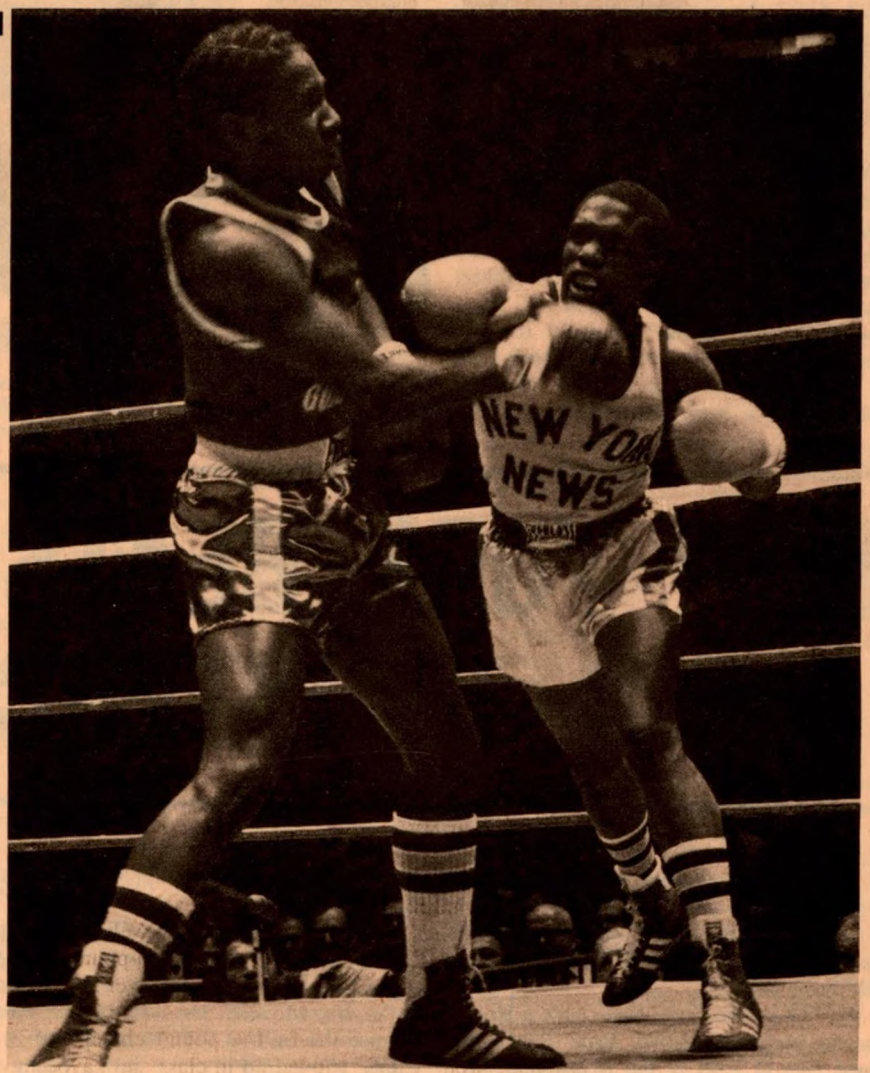
When nineteen-year-old David Moore enters the New York Golden Gloves early next year, the classy welterweight out of Morrisania Youth Center in the South Bronx will be striving to become only the second fighter in U.S. history to win five consecutive titles. At present he is tied with fellow New Yorker Howard Davis Jr., who turned pro after taking an Olympic Gold Medal in 1976–a feat which Davey hopes to duplicate in the 1980 games in Moscow.

But the popular fighter refuses to feel pressured. "The Olympics are a long way off," he told WCBS-TV sportscaster Jim Bouton recently after scoring an impressive, one-sided victory over Xaziver Frazier in the New York-Chicago Intercity tournament at Madison Square Garden–the third straight year he has taken that particular title. "Right now, I'm taking it step by step. The regionals and nationals are coming up, and I've been invited to the Pan Am games in Puerto Rico this summer."

Moore's spectacular career began barely five years ago when he sauntered into the Morrisania club and casually announced he'd be champ of the gym within the year. "He was cocky and tough," says his coach-trainer-mentor, former pro middleweight Leon "Whip" Washington. "A little man who'd been spending his time in the streets spoiling for a fight. His friends, and even his folks, called him 'Man'."

Under the tutelage of Washington and the late Sam Brown, Davey learned fast and within the year captured the 1976 Golden Gloves as a 135-pound sub-novice. It was the first of a plethora of awards: PAL regional championship in 1976 and national championship the following year; Black Olympics title in 1977; New York State championship in both 1977 and 1978; and New York State Amateur Athlete of the Year in 1978. Not to mention three more Golden Gloves in the 147-pound class, in 1977, 1978, and 1979.

Moore is an intelligent fighter whose mind can adjust instantly to any situation. Very strong and exceptionally quick, he's basically a counterpuncher whose best punch is a devastating left hook. "I'd rather my opponents come to me," he admits, "but with my reputation I've been forced to be the aggressor."



David Moore throws a right at Xaziver Frazier in the New York-Chicago Intercity tournament. Moore's victory was his third straight in intercity competition. (Photo by Michael Harris Goodman)

Says Leon Washington: "Davey's got a real good attitude about the ring. He doesn't seem to have any fear. And he's most dangerous when he's been hurt."

Stunned by a shot to his head in the first

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NEW YORK BEATS CHICAGO, 9-2, IN INTERCITY GG

By HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

New York City, N.Y.–In my report on the New York Golden Gloves in the June issue of *The Ring*, I said that "that Chicago team had better be damned good" if they expected to do well against the boys of the Big Apple. The Loop team wasn't good enough, it seems, because New York won the 1979 Intercity tournament, nine bouts to two, although this reporter and many others feel that the scoreline should have been 8-3.

This was the thirty-seventh Intercity tournament. The first was on March 24, 1928, and since that time, New York has won thirteen tournaments and Chicago has won sixteen. (There have been eight ties.) The tournament was not held for a period of fifteen years, from 1962 to 1976, then made its reappearance on April 8, 1977. New York won that tourney, 7-4, and repeated by the same score one year later. The 9-2 victory in 1979 makes it three straight victories for New York City. The Loop, say knowledgeable boxing people, "just ain't makin' fighters like it used to."

The first bout of the evening seemed to tell the story, as New York's Mike Rosario, a southpaw who'd lost to Greg Vicenty in the finals of the New York Gloves in March, won a lopsided decision over Chicago's Gilbert Campos in the 106-pound division.

The 112-pound class, however, is what makes me say that the score should have been 8-3, New York, instead of 9-2. Kenneth Mitchell of New York was given a decision over Roosevelt McCullum of Chicago, but I thought the Loop lad had won every round, albeit by slight margins. I have seen worse decisions, but I still think that McCullum should have got it.

Mike Rosario, Jr., a 106-pound southpaw who had lost to Greg Vicenty in the finals of the New York Gloves in March, is shown defeating the Loop's Gilbert Campos.

In the 119-pound class, New York's Hector Camacho swarmed all over Jesse Torres and stopped him at 2:48 of the first round after Torres had been given a standing eight-count.

Jose Antonetti of the Empire Sporting Club won the 125-pound bout by knocking out Chicago's Vincent Hudson in the first round. A right hand put Hudson on the deck. He rose before the ten-count was completed, but referee Anthony Filipelli thought he'd had enough and counted Hudson out on his butt at 2:01. Hudson, of Fuller Park, had won the Chicago GG in the 112-pound division. Jumping two full weight divisions was apparently too much for him.

Dennis Cruz of the Police Athletic League's Lynch Center, floored Wayne Ingram of Waukegan in the second round of their 132-pound battle. Ingram rose, but referee Paul Konnor stopped the fight at 0:45 of the round.

The 139-pound division saw a young man who, in my opinion, will be headed for the Olympics. Martin Parham of the Bronx, representing the Empire Sporting Club, sent Riverdale Park's Paul Williams to the canvas twice with left hooks and scored a TKO victory at 1:16 of the opening session. (Referee Konnor also gave Williams a standing eight-count prior to the stoppage.) Parham, twenty-one years old, won the New York Golden Gloves 135-pound open with a lopsided decision over Tony Santana. Hope to hear more from him in the future, and I think I will.

Speaking of Olympic hopes, young (nineteen years old) David Moore, who won his fourth New York Golden Gloves title in the Garden on March 16, won his third straight Intercity 147-pound title by defeating the Loop's Xaviver Frazier. Only the first round was close, and in round three, Moore forced ref Konnor to give Frazier a standing eight-count. Moore is a little more than a mere possibility for the 1980 Games.

Chicago won its first official victory when Randy Smith, of Fuller Park, a physical education instructor with the Chicago Park District, scored a clear cut victory over southpaw Noel Tucker of the Empire Sporting Club.

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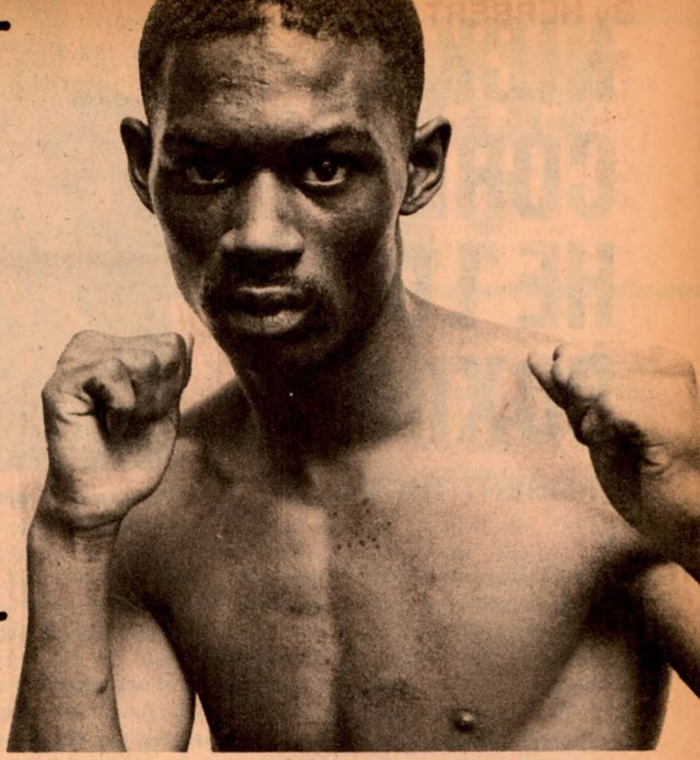
JEFF CHANDLER: THE TOP RATED EAST COAST BANTAMWEIGHT



Jeff Chandler, Philadelphia, holds a high spot in the U.S. ratings. He may become a serious challenger for world honors in the near future.

By NIGEL COLLINS

If the name Jeff Chandler only brings to mind memories of the late cleft-chinned, curly-haired movie star, you had better think again. Philadelphia has an exciting young bantamweight with the same name who could very well make you forget the Hollywood version.

You don't have to tune in the late, late show to catch this Jeff's act. He can be seen on a regular basis at the Spectrum, carving his way through a string of steadily improving opponents.

Traditionally, California and Latin America have been the breeding grounds for most championship calibre bantams. There has been a scarcity of top-notch 118 pounders on the East Coast for a number of years. Chandler, however, looks to have the legitimate goods to end the drought.

He's a pencil thin boxer-puncher with exceptional hand and foot speed, smoothly blending side-to-side and in-and-out movement with a fluid two-handed offense.

Jeff's punching power is not the sort that strikes fear in the hearts of his adversaries but the graceful prospect puts his shots together in a tumbling volley of snappy combinations. This will lead to a growing percentage of stoppage wins as his experience and confidence mount.

Unlike many Philadelphia fighters, Chandler did not have an extensive amateur career. In fact he turned pro after just two bouts.

"Originally I just had a love for the game from watching on TV and hearing about the fights," explains Jeff. "I didn't know too much about fighting at first. My first three fights were like wars. I was in good shape but as far as boxing went I didn't know much. "I would have liked to have had some more amateur experience, but I don't regret turning pro so soon. Everything is beautiful now and I have learned a lot about the game."

Mike Dowling held Chandler to a four-round draw in his rather inauspicious pro debut during the winter of 1976 in Scranton. Since then, he has streaked to sixteen straight wins, five coming inside the distance. He has beaten Davey Vasquez and Justo Garcia in his last two outings.

Although Jeff has yet to face a world-class fighter, he has gradually stepped up in class during the past nine months.

First came an eye-catching points win over rugged Texas journeyman Sergio Reyes before a huge gathering of close to 15,000 fans on the undercard of the Marvin Hagler-Bennie Briscoe showdown. Jeff swept every round, jerking the game Reyes' head back with pinpoint punching. The crowd loved him.

"I felt like I was the main event when I heard all those people cheering for me," he recalls. Sturdy Puerto Rican Andres Torres was the first to test Chandler over the ten-round distance. After cautiously pacing himself in the early going, Jeff poured it on down the stretch, breezing to a unanimous decision. He had proved to himself that he could go the full route with wind to spare against a tough scrapper. By far his most impressive triumph to date was a sparkling ninth-round TKO over Rafael Gandarilla. A puncher with fourteen kayo wins to his credit, Gandarilla had recently dropped a close call to Mexican champion Hector Medina and was expected to press Chandler to the limit. "Joltin' Jeff" boxed smartly and punished Gandarilla in every round, finally forcing a halt when his slashing blows opened a nasty gash on Rafael's eyelid. At times, Chandler bordered on brilliance.

The brother team of Nick and Joe Belfiore handle Jeff's training chores at the Juniper Gym in South Philly. They are the same pair responsible for the development of light heavyweight terror Matt Franklin. "Joe is a master trainer," says Jeff. "He has taught me stuff that I never knew and made me a lot more ringwise. Nick takes care of my needs in the gym and on the outside he tries to keep you right. He's always around making his presence felt."

Another person making his presence felt is manager "KO" Becky O'Neill. Becky is quite a well known character on the local fight scene and, along with her husband, Willie, she is doing a fine job of developing her talented charge.

Graced with the gift for the gab, Becky's gregarious nature makes her a natural attention getter.

"She's a great mouthpiece," agrees Jeff. "She's pushing publicity all the time, keeping my name out there, trying to get me known."

One of the most impressive things about Chandler is his mature attitude towards the sport and life in general. So many of Philadelphia's hot shots have burned themselves out after a relatively short run for glory.

"You can get in shape physically, but if your heads not together, you're not training right. You're just going through the motions.

"When your mind is together, you're thinking about the workout yesterday. You think of the guy you boxed last week. You think of

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NICK CORBY: HE LOVES BOXING

By ROBERT THOMSON

The family. From left to right: Martina (11), Kathleen (7), Nick, Margarita (3), and Nicholas George (5).

Nick Corby, an unassuming sportsman, excited boxing fans in almost all corners of the globe with his colorful fighters on and off the TV tubes when the media's Wednesday and Friday night fights were the most outstanding entertainment feature.

He invested his own money in the care and development of boxer's and, in the majority of cases, did not take from the fighters the 33⅓% of their purses as prescribed by laws governing boxing. His favorite star and pupil, Gaspar "Indian" Ortega was to benefit most, not only money wise, but also from Nick's friends, who donated their professional services free of charge.

During TV's Wednesday and Friday nights fights, only highly heralded fighters were selected to appear before the medium for national and international viewing. Ortega was amongst the top ten for ten years, and appeared on TV more than any other fighter due to his slamb-bang whirl wind style that gave no quarter and asked for none.

The majority of the fighters then, as now, had to be employed outside the ring to supplement their ring earnings, except of course the champions. Sorry to say that a few did not supplement their income, thus making it impossible to save any of their ring earnings. So, they lived from one fight to the next.

Dr. Richard W. You, Physician, Surgeon, Gynecologist, Preventive Medicine, and Sports Medicine Specialist in Honolulu, Hawaii, is one gentleman that, aside from Nick Corby, contributed towards the welfare of Gaspar Ortega.

Dr. You, with a tremendous practice as a physician-surgeon is as modest as one just starting in business. Nick recalls that, in visiting his office many, many times with Gaspar, there wasn't a single instance they didn't find one or more athletes taking treatment and advice in nutrition and many regular patients were made to wait their turn. And of course Gaspar, being a favorite, received special attention from the good doctor. Dr. You handed out advice free to Gaspar, and supplied him with body building vitamins and food through inoculations. This aided Gaspar to win over Stan Harrington, and in fact stop the Hawaiian strong man in eight rounds in Honolulu's baseball stadium.

Aldo Spoldi, former lightweight champion of Europe, is another of Nick's friends who has devoted his life to help boxing. Here's a man who left his restaurant in La Jolla, California to fly to a nearby state or city, paying his own expenses to help Nick in the corner with his fighters. Aldo has given his time, services and free meals in his restaurant to boxer's. One cannot believe that a man who has a restaurant whose customers are of society, actors, starlets, and people in the public eye would leave his place of business to help fighters at a distant point. Thus Ortega and Nick benefited by Aldo's gencrosity.

In Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Latin America, as General Manager for John Roberts, Inc. in charge of personnel and sales force, Nick dedicated a lot of his time to the youth and under-pri-

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Gaspar Ortega, one of Nick's prominent fighters, and Timmie Jefferson listen as Eddie Foy III, casting director of Columbia Pictures, makes a point.

Nick and Ortega after one of their many triumphs in Madison Square Garden. Johnny Addie, Freddie Brown, and Whitey Bimstein complete the picture.

WHAT HAPPENED TO AL SINGER?

By LOUIS ZIPKIN

Like a bolt of lightning, handsome, eighteen-year-old Al Singer invaded the pro ranks in 1927. Within two years, sweeping through all opposition, setting record gates at the smaller clubs in the Metropolitan area, he was booked to fight a main event at Madison Square Garden. He was put in with none other than the great Tony Canzoneri, and surprised everyone by going ten fast and furious rounds to a draw.

A year and a half later, in July, 1930, Al knocked out the defending champion, Sammy Mandell in less than two minutes of the first round to win the world lightweight title. Two months later, before a capacity crowd, he stepped out of his division and was knocked out in the third round by Jimmy McLarnin. A few months later, Al defended his newly-won title against Canzoneri. He lost his title the way he had won it, Tony stopping him in the very first round.

He made a comeback in 1931, but retired at the end of the year. In a total of four years, Al Singer had risen to the top of the lightweight division and dropped into total oblivion.

Few people knew the real reason for his sudden unexpected failures and his decision to retire. Therein lies a story.

Al Singer was born on Sept. 6, 1909. He was raised and went to school in the Bronx. During the middle 1920s, boxing was at its very peak. This was the time of Dempsey, Tunney, Greb, Leonard, Walker and other greats. Every block in the Bronx boasted a potential champion. Singer was no slouch as a street fighter and his reputation grew with every victory. Soon Al was invited to show his wares at a professional gym.

The managers liked what they saw and fell over each other trying to sign him. Eventually he fell into the very capable hands of Hymie Caplan.

Turning professional in 1927, at the age of eighteen, he quickly rose to main bout calibre by defeating all of his neighborhood rivals. He climaxed his successes with a sensational five round kayo over Lou Moskowitz in a Madison Square Garden prelim on Nov. 16, 1928. So impressive was his win, Al was immediately signed to a December main event. His opponent was Tony Canzoneri. On Dec. 3rd, he fought a tune up against one of the famour Zivic brothers, Pete, and won by a five round knockout. Now he was ready to battle Canzoneri, one of the greatest fighters of all time. Singer amazed everyone, including his closest friends, by battling Tony to a draw in one of the fastest fights ever witnessed. They fought ten rounds, head to head, without a single clinch.

Singer was being hailed as the new Benny Leonard. Leonard himself was so impressed with Al that he offered his services to the Singer camp and became very close to him. His flashy style, lightning fast hands, and great footwork, plus being a very sharp puncher with a picture left hook, all combined to make Singer a great drawing power.

The following year, 1929, after defeating the famous Bud Taylor twice within a month, he travelled to Detroit to battle Patsy Ruffalo. It was during this fight that he suffered an eye injury that was to plague him for the rest of his life. Singer won the ten round decision and Hymie Caplan, making light of his ailing eye, had him booked back at the Garden within a month. This time he fought a wild swinging Filipino, Ignacio Fernandez. In one of the biggest upsets of the year, Singer was KOd in the third round.

The Singer Express was only slightly derailed. Al had too much talent to be halted by a minor thing like an eye injury, or being tagged by a wild swinging opponent. He came roaring back, and in the following months won decision over Carl Duane, Augie Pisano, Dom Petrone; following up with a two round KO over the former featherweight champion, Andre Routis. In his next bout Singer knocked out the European champion, Gaston Charles in the second round.

Al now wanted a vacation but his manager had different ideas. The hottest fighter in the country at this time was the Cuban Bon-Bon, Kid Chocalote. A fight between the two was a promoters dream, and Hymie Caplan wasn't going to pass this one up! They drew a $215,000 gate. Singer's share was a neat $50,000! They stood toe to toe in a thrilling twelve rounder, Al losing a hotly disputed decision. Singer was then matched with the New Jersey knockout artist, Young Zazzerino. In the sixth round Al scored with two left hooks, down went Zazzerino and the fight was over.

A few more wins and Singer was matched with Stanislaus Loayza, the South American champ. Singer won the decision and the stage was set for him to meet Sammy Mandell in a title bout. One obstacle remained in his way. He was rematched with his former KO conqueror, Ignacio Fernandez, and came away with an easy ten round victory.

The Mandell-Singer title match took place in the Yankee Stadium before a crowd of 35-,000 screaming fight fans. They drew a $13-3,000 on July 17, 1930. Attracting that kind of a gate in the midst of the great depression was fabulous.

Singer became the World lightweight champion; knocking out Mandell in one minute and forty-six seconds of the opening round. He tore out at the opening bell and scored with a picture left hook flush on the chin. Down went the champ. He was up at the count of three, but was dropped twice more before Singer moved in with another left hook and two rights and the fight was over. The crowd went wild.

The cocky Singer now demanded a match

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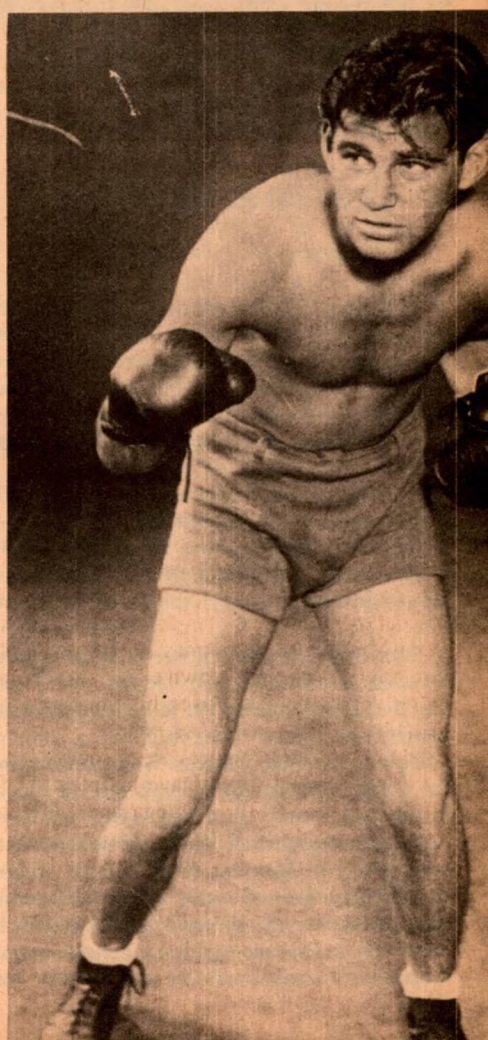
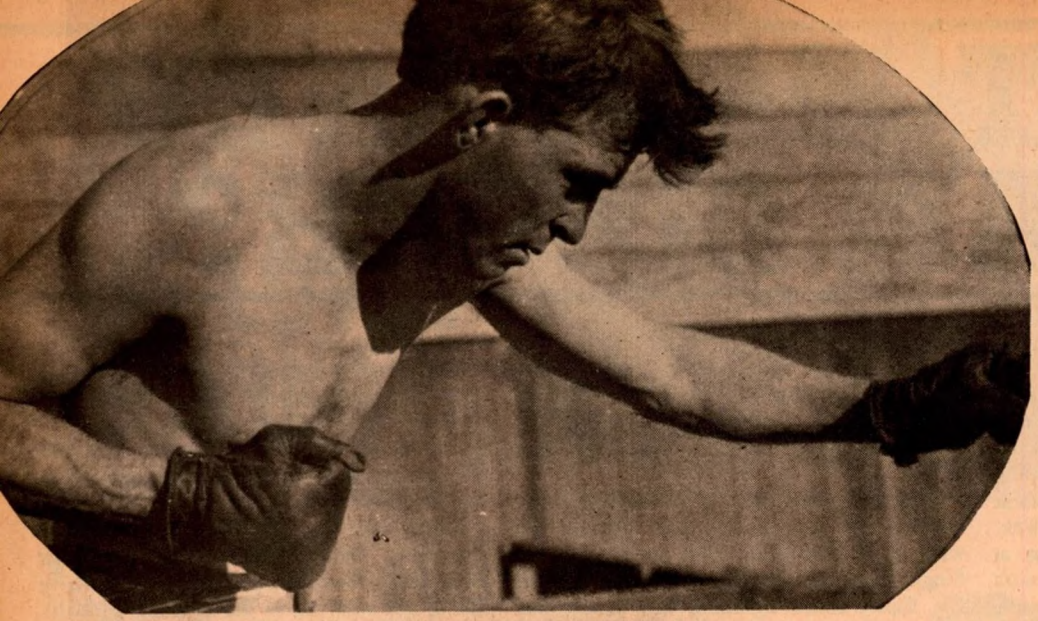
Former lightweight champion Al Singer rose to the top of the division within three years of his professional debut. His demise, though, was rapid.





Oscar (Battling) Nelson, lightweight champion of the world from 1908 to 1910. Nelson was known as the "Durable Dane." Ad Wolgast and Owen Moran were the only men to ever knock him out.

SCANDINAVIAN ALL-TIME GREATS

BY LESTER BROMBERG

In the generally quiet atmosphere of a demure luncheon given to introduce Ingemar Johansson to the press and the varied media of New York, the stentorian voice boomed out. It was the solemn warning of Eddie Ahlquist, a magazine publisher and fellow Swede from Goteborg.

"I tell you," he said, scarcely a week before Johansson's first fight with Floyd Patterson at Yankee Stadium on June 26, 1959, "don't underestimate Johansson. Don't listen to that talk of his being 5 to 1 underdog to Patterson . . ."

Then he paused for emphasis, as his typical Swedish accent gutturally dipped. . . . I tell you that Johansson has the toonder of Thor in his right hand, real toonder."

How much there was can be determined by the seven knockdowns he registered of Floyd in the third round, for a knockout.

It surely must have been the all-time athletic highlight for Scandinavians. "Ingo! Ingo! Ingo!" they shouted endlessly. He had come through under trying circumstances, which were best understood by his countrymen, who looked back seven years for him to atone for a black mark.

It happened in Helsinki, Finland, at the 1952 Olympics, when Johansson was competing in the heavyweight class. His opponent in the second round was the towering Ed Sanders, giant American black. Perhaps the sheer muscularity of Sanders frightened him. Whatever the reason, Johansson, nineteen years old at the time, panicked. He stopped fighting, literally. After customary warnings, the referee disqualified him. Helsinki was near the Scandinavian area and the games were witnessed by countless Swedes, Norwegians, Danes, and Finns. They booed young Ingo unmercifully. Scandinavian pride was affronted. In short, he had become a dirty name. . . . But now, he was the brightest name in boxing. All was forgiven.

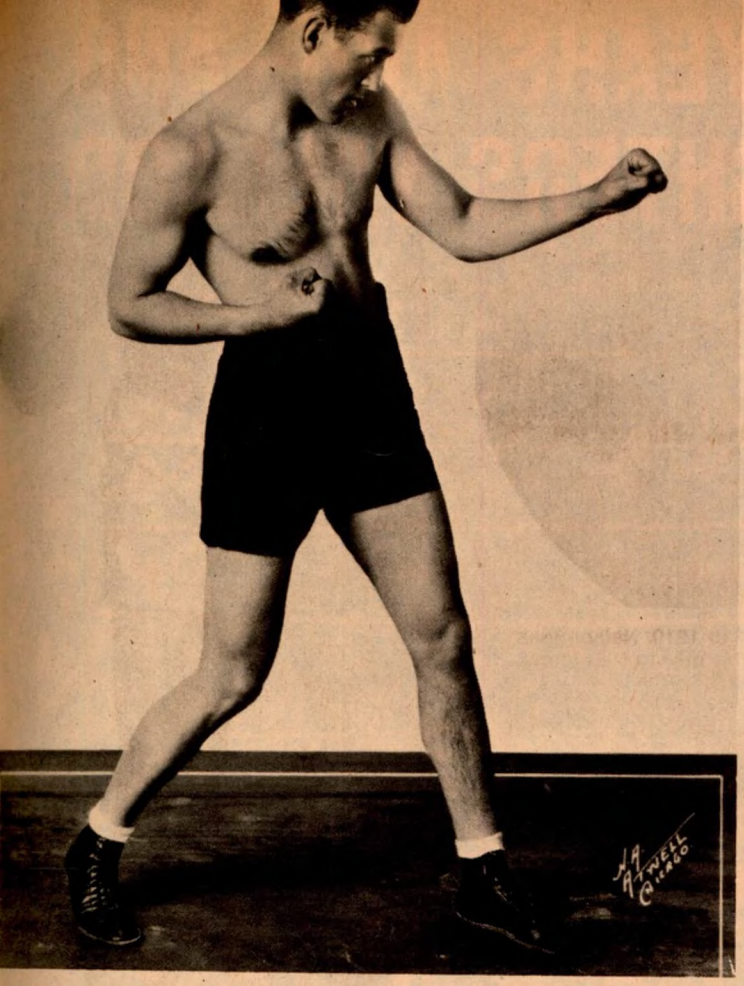
This feat wins for Johansson a place at the top of the Ring Magazine's rating of Scandinavians. Previously selected were outstanding Italians, Irish, Jewish, Puerto Ricans, and the black race.

Ingo enjoyed a year of wine and roses as champion. But something had cast a shadow. Cus D'Amato, Patterson's tutor and manager, had taken the dregs of defeat as the omen for the future. He said: "I predict Patterson will be the first ex-heavyweight champion in history to regain the title when he meets Johnsson again."

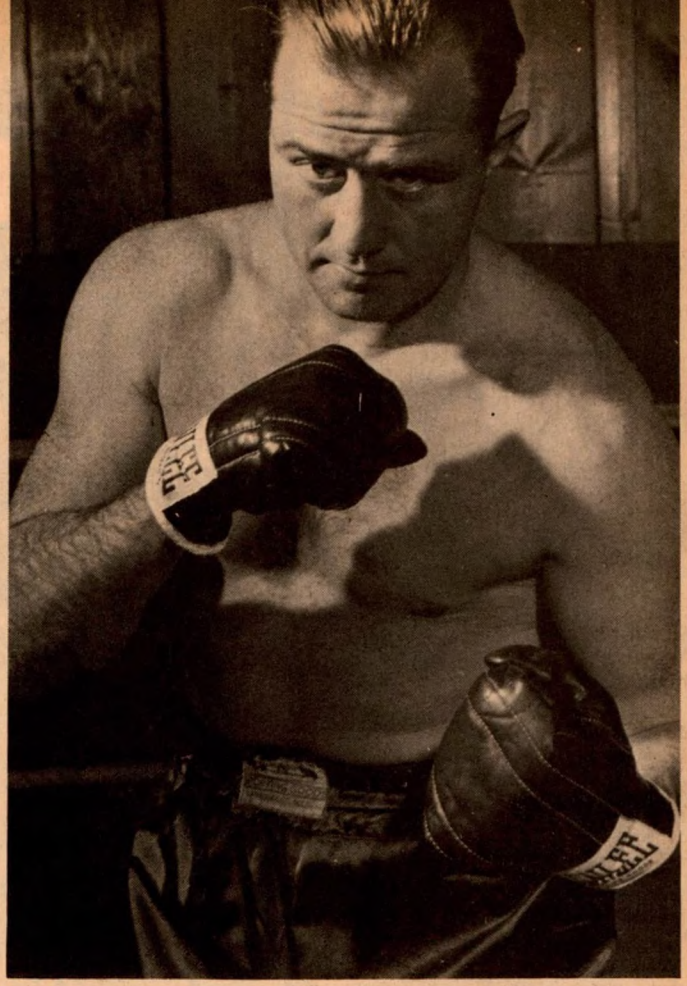
Ingemar Johansson, won the world heavyweight crown when he knocked Floyd Patterson down seven times in the third round of their title fight in Yankee Stadium. Ingo's right, known as the "Hammer of Thor," was his chief weapon.

The prophecy came staggeringly true. When they met again in one year, Patterson knocked out Johansson in the fifth round. It was the beginning of the end for Ingo. His path was only marked one way. He knew it.

Today, forty-six, Johansson is living in the U.S., rather than in Europe. He has chosen a place in Florida, Point Lookout. His living habits are American. He has taken to harness racing and interested himself in the breeding of stock. Don't be surprised if he becomes well-known in that field. It wouldn't be much of a shocker if he became a U.S. citizen, either. He always has been able to handle a buck. And he never was in love with Swedish income tax strictures.



Otto Von Porat won the Gold Medal of the heavyweight division at the 1924 Olympic Games in Paris. He beat fellow Scandanavians Harry Persson and Big Boy Peterson in the pro ranks.



Olle Tandberg stunned the boxing world when he received a ten-round decision over Joe Baksi in Stockholm. Tandberg was then brought to the U.S. and lost to Joey Maxim in the Garden.

The next most prominent all-time Scandinavian is Otto Von Porat, a heavyweight who came up in the twenties. But there's irony as concerns the Olympics . . . Johansson had a checkered beginning, yet he went past an amateur past to become world's champion. Van Porat went all the way in the Olympics of 1924, becoming the champion heavyweight of the games. Otto then had his moments as a heavyweight contender, but he never hit the jackpot.

Incidentally, Von Porat was born in Stockholm, the Swedish capital. His parents both were Norwegian. The stubbornly blood-lines aware Norwegians in the capital refused to admit Swedish citizenship for Von Porat, though, technically, he was a Swede.

For boxing, you could gracefully endow him with the qualities of a Norse god. He was blond, tall–he stood 6-4–and weighed well over two hundred. As soon as he started pro, he showed a spark. He could punch. As reports came over from Europe, American promotoers started to show interest.

Somehow, he and his manager, Eddie Stevenson, oriented themselves to the middle west rather than to New York, the normal port of entry.

When Von Porat had completed his lengthy American career he dealt impartially with Chicago and New York. He wrote a book which he titled, *Fighting Years, My Memories of My Years As A Boxer*.

Chicago had a clear grasp on disaffection so far he was concerned.

"I was mugged there," he said angrily, "just coming up a street. I didn't have a chance. Not maybe it would sound better if a fighter said that he sprung up and flattened the mugger with one punch. How I could say that? He pinned me down with a pistol planted in my stomach. Only if I was Gary Cooper in a western, would I have had a chance!"

Eventually, Von Porat divided his fighting between the middle west and New York.

In the latter place, they first met Tom McArdle, boss of the Garden, then on Eighth Avenue. McArdle was given to plain talking. "If Van Porat was so good, why did you go to the west first?"

Then it was up to Stevenson to explain why he had originally gone to fight for his fellow Scandinavians. McArdle didn't buy it enthusiastically. And it looked as though it would be no sale.

Finally, McArdle blurted. "The best opponent I've got is Paulino Uzcudun, a young Basque wildman. Take him or leave it. And, if you think you've answered my question, you're nuts!"

Van Porat and Stevenson knew when they were licked; they took the match. It proved a tough contest. Still, Otto, in losing, had made an impression. Even hard-headed McArdle saw that there was something in this Viking.

The next shot he had was with Jack Gagnon. Wow! Von Porat lowered the boom for a knockout in the fourth round. Then came K.O. Christner. An exciting battle for seven rounds but Von Porat dropped his right and it was all over in the ninth.

Now Otto was to earn his spurs by fighting an outstanding list of heavyweights. Choosing opponents at random, he chose King Solomon, Kingfish Levinsky, Johnny Risko, Jack Dorval, Sully Montgomery, Pierre Charles, Hans Birkie, Young Stribling, and Tuffy Griffiths. According to a reliable record, he never lost to a Scandinavian, beating Harry Persson and Big Boy Peterson.

In the era of neighborhood clubs around New York, there were at least two standout Scandinavians who drew sellout houses, Pete Sanstol, a colorful bantamweight, and Harry Berntsen, a reliable heavyweight. Both were Norwegians and both originated from Brooklyn's Bay Ridge area.

Olle Tandberg, a Swedish heavyweight, figured in several important bouts on both sides of the Atlantic. He came to the old Garden in 1948, when he was upset by Joey Maxim. But he had created diverting reaction after a bout

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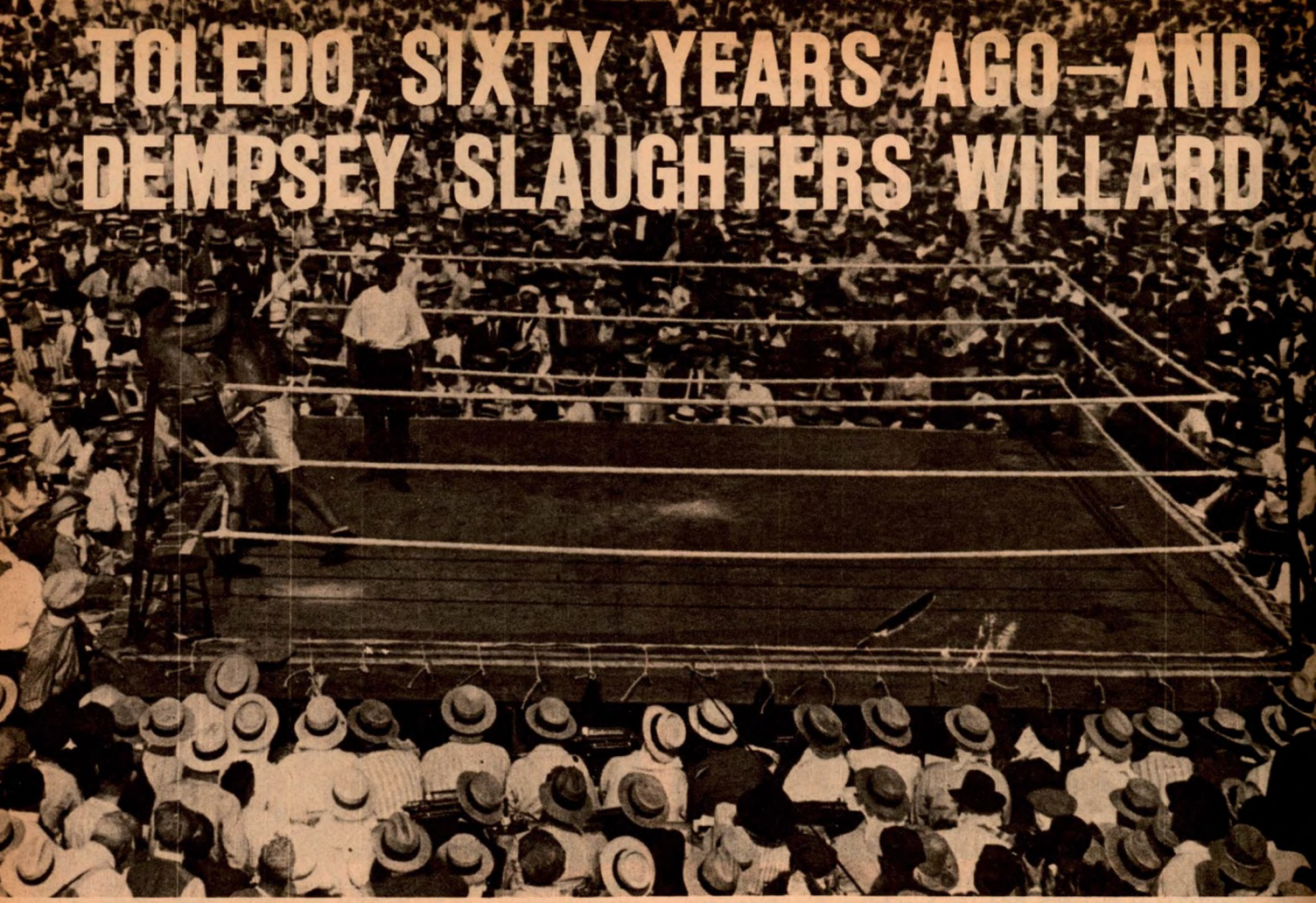
TOLEDO, SIXTY YEARS AGO—AND DEMPSEY SLAUGHTERS WILLARD



Sweat lines the bodies of both fighters as Jack Dempsey pounds Jess Willard on the ropes. Dempsey won the title on that hot fourth of July when Jess, the champ, could not come out for the fourth round.

By DAN DANIEL

This is a story about a fight. It was no ordinary contest. This may be judged by the fact that the loser was knocked down seven times in the first round.

The loser was gigantic Jess Willard. The winner was Jack Dempsey, who became the heavyweight champion of the world.

All the more interesting is the fact that the contest was fought sixty years ago, on July 4, 1919.

There is no doubt that Willard suffered the most horrific beating ever administered to a heavyweight champion of the world on his way out. Dempsey's victory, achieved in three rounds, was the most pronounced success in the history of heavyweight competition in the glove era, which started with Jim Corbett's twenty-one-round victory over John L. Sullivan in 1892.

Dempsey's spectacular triumph and Willard's sad showing occurred in a pine stadium in Toledo, Ohio, on the shores of Maumee Bay.

For some days that week, Farenheit had been playing tag with 102. This extreme heat unquestionably had its effect on the attendance, which came to a measly 19,650, and cut the receipts to $452,224. The heat diminished Willard's stamina to the vanishing point.

Dempsey's incomparable demonstration, unaffected by the boiling weather, made a very strong impression on me.

I was sent to the fight by *The New York Sun* as a member of a trio of reporters for that paper. My companion experts were Nat Fleischer, sports editor of *The Sun*, and Charlie Mathison, the most knowledgeable fistic expert of the time. Fleischer's story of the fight, punch-by-punch, is here included, as I could not have done better, especially sixty years later. He wrote a gem which was included in his first of two biographies of Dempsey. Fleischer's report of the contest preceeded his organization of the world-known *Ring* Magazine, which first came out in February, 1922. Here is Nat's impression of the fight:

> Dempsey gave the greatest exhibition of fighting ever witnessed in America. Not in the memory of the oldest fan, had anyone recollected when a champion received such murderous punishment as did Willard from Dempsey. Yet Jess, responding as he did after every knockdown, by arising to absorb more punishment, showed that he was gameness personified.
>
> He was not the quitter some critics would have us believe, because he failed to come out for the fourth round. No man with a yellow streak in him would go through the agony, through the battering Willard received. Willard, in defeat, gave a great exhibition of courage and gameness.
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> Before the first round ended, he was reeling around the ring dazed. He did not know where he was at. He was absolutely helpless, at the mercy of his younger opponent, Dempsey.
>
> Tearing into him, never giving up any ground nor giving Willard a chance to clear his head or get set, Dempsey almost had Jess out in that first round. The bell came to Jess's rescue. When it sounded, there he was, sitting on the canvas, mouth wide open, blood streaming from it, eyes glassy, blood

DAN DANIEL WAS AT RINGSIDE ON THAT GREAT FOURTH OF JULY

shot, staring wearily and aimlessly into space. He was helpless and had to be dragged to his corner.

Pandemonium reigned. The crowd was in an uproar. The bell could not be heard. Not even Ollie Pecord, the referee, heard it. He raised Dempsey's hand after counting Willard out, and Jack, in his eagerness, leaped to the ropes, jumped from the ring and was on his way to the dressing room when he was hailed back. The referee learned of his error and ordered Dempsey to return and resume the battle.

Blood was flowing from Willard's mouth. Two front teeth had found their way to the canvas. His right eye had begun to close and the right side of his head was swelling abnormally. He looked as if he had been struck with a blackjack.

Yet when the bell sounded, Willard feebly arose from his chair, ready to retrieve lost ground, if such were possible. Was this a sign of a quitter? Could Willard be accused of possessing a yellow streak under such gameness? Far from it!

He walked towards Dempsey, a pitiful object. Yet he could not be put away. His appearance was revolting, and many in that throng urged the referee to stop the fray.

Dempsey's cutting punches found their mark on the left eye, until that was closed tight and then began a bombardment of the right that swelled that considerably. Ollie Pecord was deaf to the shouts of the spectators and permitted the brutality to go on. Dempsey, in his eagerness to end the affair, fought himself out and was arm-weary when the bell sounded.

When the third and last round began, Jess looked like one being butchered. He was an object of pity. Blind, mouth cut, legs tottering, he presented an appearance never before seen in a heavyweight championship bout. He could scarcely see his opponent, yet was willing to stand up despite his loss of blood and his weakness.

Yet, strange as it might seem, Willard, desperate, came through with a rally that was difficult to believe. He jarred Dempsey with several powerful lefts to the mouth and for a time, it seemed that the tide would turn.

It looked as if Dempsey, in his eagerness to score a knockout, had spent all his energy. He had shot his bolt. He tried to increase his attack, but was too tired. The bell proved sweet music to both.

When Willard went to his corner he staggered into his chair and could not hold up his head. His seconds worked furiously over him, and before the full rest period was over, Jess called the referee towards him and informed him he could not continue. Jess's chief second, Ike O'Neil, tossed the

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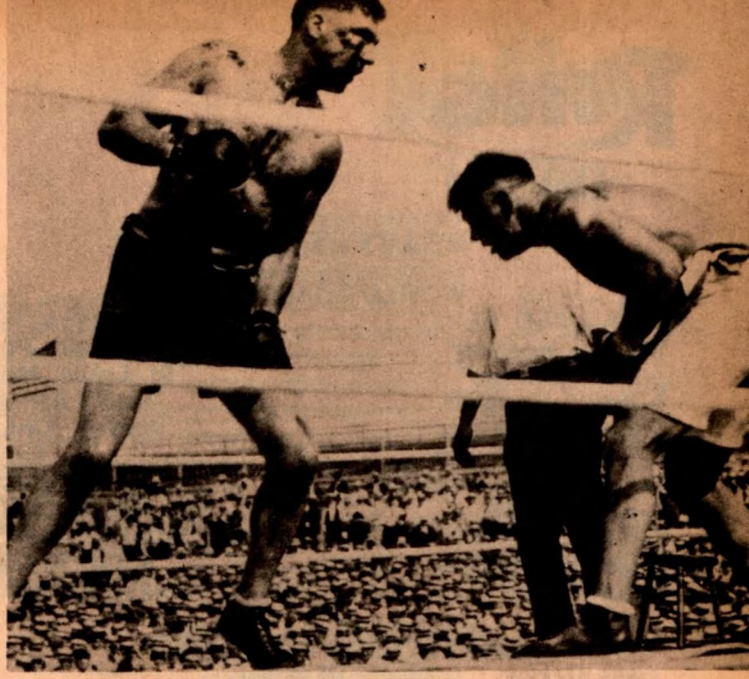
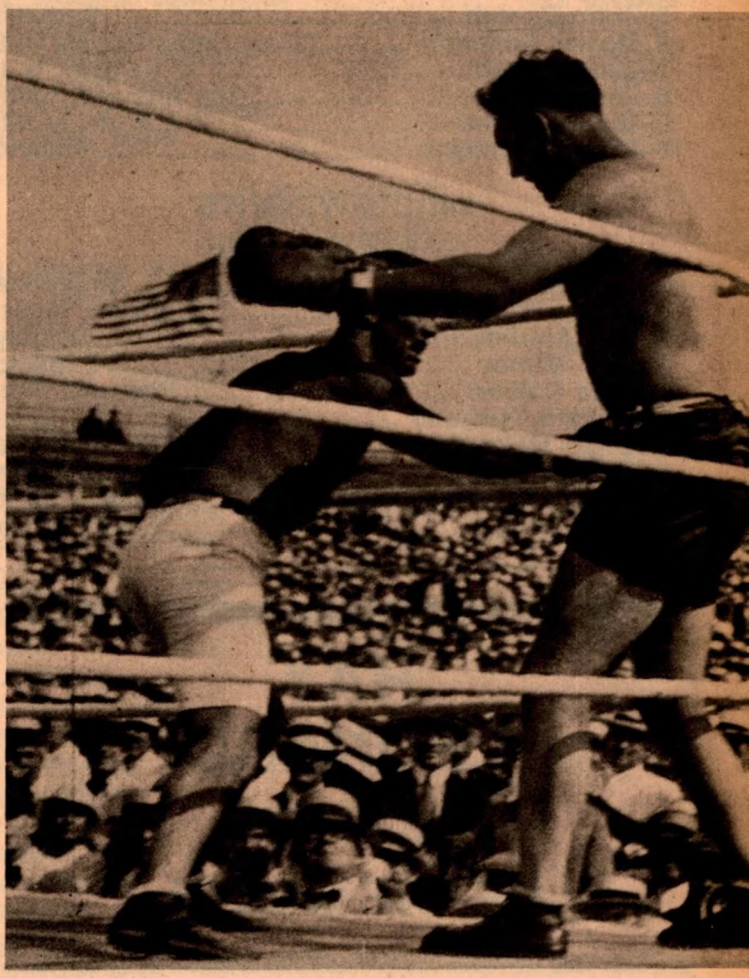


The classic shot of the great fight. The Manassa Mauler crouches before launching yet another onslaught on the beaten, bloodied Willard. The Pottawatomie Giant suffered the worst beating in the history of championship boxing.



Dempsey measures Willard for a hard left to the body. Jack had earned the title shot with kayoes of Fred Fulton, Carl Morris, Gunboat Smith, Bill Brennan, and Arthur Pelkey.

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WORLD RATINGS

(AS OF MAY 31, 1979)

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HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MUHAMMAD ALI* ..... Chicago, Ill.
1–Larry Holmes* ..... Easton, Pa.
2–Leon Spinks* ..... St. Louis, Mo.
3–Kallie Knoetze ..... South Africa
4–Earnie Shavers ..... Warren, Ohio
5–Lorenzo Zanon ..... Italy
6–Alfredo Evangelista ..... Spain
7–Ken Norton ..... San Diego, Calif.
8–Mike Weaver† ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
9–Gerrie Coetzee ..... South Africa
10–John Tate ..... Knoxville, Tenn.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1–Victor Galindez* ..... Argentina
2–Matt Franklin** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
3–Alvaro (Yaqui) Lopez ..... Stockton, Calif.
4–Mike Rossman ..... Turnersville, N.J.
5–John Conteh ..... England
6–Marvin Johnson ..... Indianapolis, Ind.
7–James Scott ..... Rahway, N.J.
8–Jesse Burnett ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
9–Marvin Camel ..... Butte, Mont.
10–Rudi Koopmans ..... Holland

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

HUGO CORRO ..... Argentina
1–Marvin Hagler† ..... Brockton, Mass.
2–Vito Antuofermo ..... Italy
3–Alan Minter ..... England
4–Mike Colbert ..... Portland, Ore.
5–Mustafa Hamsho ..... Syria
6–Elijah Makathini ..... South Africa
8–Charlie Weir ..... South Africa
9–Ronnie Harris ..... Akron, Ohio
10–Gert Steyn ..... South Africa

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MASASHI KUDO* ..... Japan
1–Ayub Kalule ..... Uganda
2–Maurice Hope** ..... England
3–Rocky Mosely, Jr.† ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
4–Tony Chiaverini ..... Kansas City, Mo.
5–Marijan Benes ..... Yugoslavia
6–Rocky Mattioli ..... Australia
7–Edgar Ross ..... Orlando, Fla.
8–Frank Wissenbach ..... Germany
9–Andoni Amana ..... Spain
10–Angel Espada ..... Puerto Rico

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 147 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

WILFRED BENITEZ** ..... Puerto Rico
1–Jose Cuevas* ..... Mexico
2–Sugar Ray Leonard ..... Palmer Park, Md.
3–Thomas Hearns ..... Detroit, Mich.
4–Pete Ranzany† ..... Sacramento, Calif.
5–Roberto Duran ..... Panama
6–David Green ..... England
7–Carlos Palomino ..... Mexico
8–Kirkland Laing ..... England
9–Clyde Gray ..... Canada
10–Randy Shields ..... Los Angeles, Calif.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ANTONIO CERVANTES* ..... Colombia
1–Joe Kimpauani ..... Zaire
2–Esteban DeJesus ..... Puerto Rico
3–Saoul Mamby ..... New York, N.Y.
4–Miguel Montilla ..... Dominican Rep.
5–Sang Hyun Kim** ..... South Korea
6–Sean O'Grady ..... Oklahoma City, Okla.
7–Bruce Curry ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
8–Lennox Blackmoore ..... Guyana
9–Manuel Jiminez ..... Puerto Rico
10–Teo Osuma ..... Dominican Rep.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1–Jim Watt** ..... Scotland
2–Claude Noel ..... Trinidad, W.I.
3–Johnny Lira ..... Chicago, Ill.
4–Vilomar Fernandez ..... Dominican Rep.
9–Herman Montes ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6–Alfredo Pitalua ..... Colombia
7–Howard Davis ..... Glen Cove, L.I., N.Y.
5–Julio Valdez ..... Dominican Rep.
8–Jorge Morales ..... Puerto Rico
10–Masahira Yokai ..... Japan

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SAMUEL SERRANO* ..... Puerto Rico
1–Alexis Arguello** ..... Nicaragua
2–Frankie Baltazar ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
3–Rafael Limon ..... Mexico
4–Bobby Chacon ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
5–Arturo Leon ..... Phoenix, Ariz.
6–Ernesto Espana ..... Venezuela
7–Victor Echegaray ..... Argentina
8–Carlos Hernandez ..... Spain
9–Natale Vezzoli ..... Italy
10–Greg Coverson ..... Columbua, Ohio

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

DANNY LOPEZ** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
1–Eusebio Pedroza* ..... Panama
2–Reuben Castillo† ..... Bakersfield, Calif.
3–Cecilio Lastra ..... Spain
4–Roberto Gastanon ..... Spain
5–Mike Ayala ..... San Antonio, Texas
6–Juan Malvarez ..... Argentina
7–Eddie Ndukwe ..... Nigeria
8–Hector Carrasquilla ..... Panama
9–Ruben Olivares ..... Mexico
10–Royal Kobayashi ..... Japan

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 122 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

WILFREDO GOMEZ** ..... Puerto Rico
1–Ricardo Cardona* ..... Colombia
2–Nicky Perez† ..... Phoenix, Arix.
3–Sergio Palma ..... Argentina
4–Jose Caba ..... Dominican Rep.
5–Soon Yun Chung ..... South Korea
6–Juan Kid Meza ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
7–Baba Jiminez ..... Colombia
8–Javier Flores ..... Salt Lake City, Utah
9–Soo Hwan Hong ..... South Korea
10–Leo Cruz ..... Dominican Rep.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

JORGE LUJAN* ..... Panama
1–Carlos Zarata** ..... Mexico
2–Lupe Pintor ..... Mexico
3–Alberto Davila ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
4–Juan F. Rodriguez ..... Spain
5–Roberto Rubaldino ..... Mexico
6–Oscar Muniz ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
7–Alfonso Zamora ..... Mexico
8–Al Sandoval ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
9–Andres Hernandez ..... Puerto Rico
10–Julio Saba ..... Argentina

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

CHAN-HEE PARK** ..... South Korea
1–Yoko Gushiken ..... Japan
2–Miguel Canto ..... Mexico
3–Betulio Gonzalez* ..... Venezuela
4–Guty Espadas ..... Mexico
5–Shojo Oguma ..... Japan
6–Charlie Magri ..... England
7–Netrnoi Vorasingh ..... Thailand
8–Joey Olivo ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
9–Kim Sung-Jun ..... South Korea
10–Rey Melendez ..... Dominican Rep.

RAY LEONARD
FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

Champions: *WBA **WBC †U.S.

Sugar Ray Leonard's ten-round nod over ranked middleweight Marcos Geraldo, Mexico, in Baton Rouge, La., won this month's honor.

Runner-ups are: Elijah Makathini, middleweight, South Africa, who knocked out Charlie Weir; Thomas Hearns, Detroit Welter, who halted New York's Harold Weston; and Joe Kimpauani, who kayoed Spain's Jose Luis Heredia in three to win the European junior welter title.

HEAVYWEIGHTS: There were no changes. Next issue will have many switches, as the Spinks-Coetzee; Knoetze-Tate, and Holmes-Weaver contests are scheduled to take place.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS: No changes this month.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS: Alan Minter, who kayoed Renato Garcia in nine rounds, moves from six to three. Hamsho goes from seven to five with kayoes of Freeman and Dom Ortiz. Weir falls from three to eight, having been kayoed by Makathini, who, unranked last month, is now rated seventh. Geraldo, a loser to Ray Leonard, falls from five to six. Harris and Steyn fall one place each.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS: Marijan Benes moves from five to six with a knockout over Zip Castillo. Amana moves from ten to nine with a victory over Johnny Davis.

WELTERWEIGHTS: Hearns' kayo of Weston makes him three as the inactive Pete Ranzany falls from three to four and Weston drops out of the ratings from the ten slot. Green goes from seven to six with victories over Lawrence Hafey and Rafael Rodriguez. The inactive Clyde Gray drops from eight to nine and Randy Shields, also inactive, falls from nine to ten. Replacing Weston is British champion Kirkland Laing, who kayoed Henry Rhiney in ten rounds.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS: Kimpauani's three-round kayo over Heredia moves him from four to one. Heredia drops out, replaced by Manuel Jiminez of Puerto Rico in the nine spot. Adolph Viruet drops out, replaced by Dominican Teo Osuma, who beat Pee Wee Suarez in ten rounds. Miguel Montilla beat Juan Cantres and moves from five to four.

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NAMES	PRO					
BANTAMWEIGHT	DEBUT	BOUTS	WON	LOST	DRAWS	KO'S
ROCKY LOCKRIDGE SEATTLE, WASH.	8/78	6	6	0	0	5
BANTAMWEIGHT JAIME GARZA LOS ANGELES, CALIF.	11/78	4	4	0	0	4
JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT CARMELO NEGRON NEW YORK, N.Y.	9/78	7	7	0	0	7
JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHT JOE NIETO NEW YORK, N.Y.	1/78	9	9	0	0	7

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(AS OF MAY 31, 1979)

HEAVYWEIGHTS

*MIKE WEAVER, Los Angeles, Calif.
1–Leon Spinks, St. Louis, Mo.
2–Earnie Shavers, Warren, Ohio
3–Ken Norton, San Diego, Calif.
4–John Tate, Knoxville, Tenn.
5–Ron Lyle, Denver, Colo.
6–Leroy Jones, Denver, Colo.
7–Ossie Ocasio, Puerto Rico
8–Willie Shannon, Orlando, Fla.
9–Jimmy Young, Philadelphia, Pa.
10–Mike Dokes, Akron, Ohio
11–Scott LeDoux, Minneapolis, Minn.
12–Gerrie Cooney, New York, N.Y.
13–Dino Dennis, Attleboro, Mass.
14–Eddie Gregory, New York, N.Y.
15–Kevin Isaac, New York, N.Y.
#–Muhammad Ali, Chicago, Ill.
XX–Larry Homes, Easton, Pa.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

*TITLE VACANT
1–Alvaro (Yaqui) Lopez, Stockton, Calif.
2–Mike Rossman, Turnersville, N.J.
3–Marvin Johnson, Indianapolis, Ind.
4–James Scott, Rahway, N.J.
5–Jessie Burnett, Los Angeles, Calif.
6–Marvin Camel, Butte, Mont.
7–Carlos DeLeon, Puerto Rico
8–Vonzell Johnson, Brentwood, L.I., N.Y.
9–Bobby Cassidy, Brientwood, N.Y.
10–Sal San Filippo, Jersey City, N.J.
11–Ramon Ranquilla, Union City, N.J.
12–Tommy Evans, Los Angeles, Calif.
13–Jerry Martin, Philadelphia, Pa.
14–Jerry Celestine, New Orleans, La.
15–James Salerno, Orlando, Fla.
XX–Matt Franklin, Philadelphia, Pa.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

*MARVIN HAGLER, Brockton, Mass.
1–Mike Colbert, Portland, Ore.
2–Ronnie Harris, Akron, Ohio
3–David Love, Los Angeles, Calif.
4–Bennie Briscoe, Philadelphia, Pa.
5–Rudy Robles, Los Angeles, Calif.
6–Mike Baker, Washington, D.C.
7–Bobby Watts, Philadelphia, Pa.
8–Dwight Davison, Detroit, Mich.
9–Sandy Torres, Puerto Rico
10–Wilford Scypion, Houston, Texas
11–Edgar Wallace, Phoenix, Ariz.
12–Mel Dennis, Houston, Texas
13–Sammy NeSmith, Indianapolis, Ind.
14–Gary Guiden, Munice, Ind.
15–Roger Leonard, Palmer Park, Md.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

*ROCKY MOSLEY JR., Las Vegas, Nev.
1–Tony Chiaverini, Kansas City, Mo.
2–Edgar Ross, Orlando, Fla.
3–Angel Espada, Puerto Rico
4–Alvin Anderson, Baltimore, Md.
5–Jerry Cheatman, Phoenix, Ariz.
6–Johnny Sullivan, Portland, Ore.
7–Wilson Bell, Detroit, Mich.
8–Freddy Johnson, New Orleans, La.
9–Ken Croom, Los Angeles, Calif.
10–Zeferino Gonzalez, Los Angeles, Calif.
11–Victor Abraham, Los Angeles, Calif.
12–Carlos Santos, Puerto Rico
13–Ray Phillips, Dallas, Texas
14–Curtis Parker, Philadelphia, Pa.
15–Pete Seward, Columbus, Ohio

WELTERWEIGHTS

*PETE RANZANY, Sacramento, Calif.
1–Ray Leonard, Palmer Park, Md.
2–Thomas Hearns, Detroit, Mich.
3–Randy Shields, Los Angeles, Calif.
4–Harold Weston, New York, N.Y.
5–Larry Bonds, Denver, Colo.
6–Andy Price, Los Angeles, Calif.
7–Johnny Gant, Washington D.C.
8–Adolph Viruet, Phoenix, Ariz.
9–Domingo Ayala, Puerto Rico
10–Dale Staley, Hillcrest Hgts., Md.
11–Marvin Jenkins, Charleston, S.C.
12–Howard Jackson, Los Angeles, Calif.
13–Jimmy Jackson, Los Angeles, Calif.
14–Louis Resto, New York, N.Y.
15–Nino Gonzalez, Bayonne, N.J.
#–Wilfred Benitez, Puerto Rico

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

*TITLE VACANT
1–Esteban DeJesus, Puerto Rico
2–Saoul Mamby, New York, N.Y.
3–Sean O'Grady, Oklahoma City, Okla.
4–Bruce Curry, Los Angeles, Calif.
5–Manuel Jiminez, Puerto Rico
6–Jimmy Corkum, Boston, Mass.
7–Tony Petronelli, Brockton, Mass.
8–Sammy Ayala, San Antonio, Texas
9–Johnny Turner, New York, N.Y.
10–Curtis Ramsey, Portland, Ore.
11–Willie Rodriguez, Allentown, Pa.
12–Luis Davila, Hartford, Conn.
13–Jimmy Heair, Memphis, Tenn.
14–Leroy Haley, Las Vegas, Nev.
15–Monroe Brooks, Los Angeles, Calif.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

*TITLE VACANT
1–Johnny Lira, Chicago, Ill.
2–Howard Davis, Glen Cove, LI.I., N.Y.
3–Jorge Morales, Puerto Rico
4–Herman Montes, Los Angeles, Calif.
5–Andrew Ganigan, Honolulu, Hawaii
6–Termite Watkins, Houston, Texas
7–Aaron Pryor, Cincinnati, Ohio
8–Hilmer Kenty, Columbus, Ohio
9–Arcadio Suarez, New York, N.Y.
10–Ruby Ortiz, New York, N.Y.
11–Edwin Viruet, Puerto Rico
12–Reynaldo Zaragonza, Los Angeles, Calif.
13–Billy Parks, Denver, Colo.
14–Louis Hubela, New York, N.Y.
15–Felix Perez, Brooklyn, N.Y.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

*TITLE VACANT
1–Frankie Baltazar, Los Angeles, Calif.
2–Bobby Chacon, Los Angeles, Calif.
3–Arturo Leon, Phoenix, Ariz.
4–Greg Coverson, Detroit, Mich.
5–Ernest Bing, Atlantic City, N.J.
6–Gonzalo Montellano, Los Angeles, Calif.
7–Walter Seeley, Sayville, LI.I., N.Y.
8–Luke Ervin, Jersey City, N.J.

9–Alex Alatore, Los Angeles, Calif.
10–Jerry Kornele, Houston, Texas
11–Roy Hernandez, San Antonio, Texas
12–Alex Oregel, Los Angeles, Calif.
13–Nacho Jiminez, Los Angeles, Calif.
14–Edwin Luis Rivera, Hoboken, N.J.
15–Carmelo Negron, New York, N.Y.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

*REUBEN CASTILLO, Bakersfield, Calif.
1–Mike Ayala, San Antonio, Texas
2–Gerald Hayes, E. Orange, N.J.
3–Beto Nunez, Phoenix, Ariz.
4–Jimmy Farrell, Rockland, Mass.
5–Alberto Collazo, Pittsburgh, Pa.
6–Warren Matthews, New Orleans, La.
7–Jimmy Martinez, Houston, Texas
8–Frank Ahumada, Los Angeles, Calif.
9–Alfonso Evans, Philadelphia, Pa.
10–Jerome Artis, Philadelphia, Pa.
11–Juan LaPorte, New York, N.Y.
12–Augie Pantellas, Philadelphia, Pa.
13–Bobby Everett, Boston, Mass.
14–Sammy Goss, Trenton, N.J.
15–Gaby Cantera, San Antonio, Texas
#–Danny Lopez, Los Angeles, Calif.

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS

*NICKY PEREZ, Phoenix, Ariz.
1–Juan (Kid) Meza, Las Vegas, Nev.
2–Javier Flores, Salt Lake, Utah
3–Daivd Ramalho, Lowell, Mass.
4–Frank Duarte, Los Angeles, Calif.
5–William Berry, Trenton, N.J.
6–Rocky Lockridge, Seattle, Wash.
7–Eddie Logan, Los Angeles, Calif.
8–Earl Large, Phoenix, Ariz.
9–Cookie Valencia, Salt Lake City, Utah
10–Derrik Holmes, Washington, D.C.
11–Mel Johnson, Los Angeles, Calif.
12–Jose Rosa, Puerto Rico
13–Isaac Vega, Chicago, Ill.
14–Ernesto Rios, Los Angeles, Calif.
15–Joe Nieto, New York, N.Y.
#–Wilfredo Gomez, Puerto Rico

BANTAMWEIGHTS

*TITLE VACANT
1–Alberto Davila, Los Angeles, Calif.
2–Oscar Muniz, Los Angeles, Calif.
3–Al Sandoval, Los Angeles, Calif.
4–Andres Hernandez, Puerto Rico
5–Jeff Chandler, Philadelphia, Pa.
6–Richard Rozelle, Columbus, Ohio
7–Julian Solis, Puerto Rico
8–Andres Torres, Puerto Rico
9–Artemo Jerome, Los Angeles, Calif.
10–Ignacio Osorio, Los Angeles, Calif.
11–David Capo, New York, N.Y.
12–Leo Randolph, Seattle, Wash.
13–David Vasquez, New York, N.Y.
14–Paul Pecheco, Los Angeles, Calif.
15–Jimmy Magnifico, Jersey City, N.J.

FLYWEIGHTS

*TITLE VACANT
1–Joey Olivo, Los Angeles, Calif.
2–Orlando Maldonado, Puerto Rico
3–Willie Jansen, Las Vegas, Nev.
4–Jose Ortiz, Puerto Rico
5–Fred Jackson, Memphis, Tenn.
6–John Carter, Chicago, Ill.
7–Mario Chavez, Los Angeles, Calif.
8–Mike Stuart, Los Angeles, Calif.
9–Candelario Iglesias, Tucson, Ariz.
10–Arturo Tebaqui, Phoenix, Ariz.

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WORLD-WIDE FIGHT RESULTS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Ron Lyle beat Scott LeDoux, 10.
Mike Dokes kayoed Greg Sorrentino, 3
Leroy Jones whipped Harry Terrell, 10
Mar Hans lost to Len Harden, 8
Jessie Meneses stopped Earl McLeay,5
Tommy Evans halted Lenis Provo, 3
Bashere Wadud stopped Omer Dokovic, 4
Elmo Henderson and Robert Reynosa, tech. draw, 4
David McCann stopped Joe Rarick, 2
Ken Austin beat Steve Ahser, 6
Bennett White beat Lou Lockwood, 6
Randy Mack beat Terry Mims, 10

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Lotte Mwale halted Gary Summerhays, 5
(Commonwealth Light Heavyweight Title)
Billy Douglas stopped Sylvester Wilder, 3
John Steve stopped Jessie Island, 1
Bashiru Alli beat Greg McPherson, 10
Ron Huston beat John Powell via KO, 4
Rico Hoye whipped Eddie Philips, 10
Mickey Goodwin stopped Jim Claar, 2
Niua Tofaenono stopped Jessie Island, 4

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Marcos Geraldo lost to Ray Leonard, 10
Teddy Sanders lost to James Waire, 4
Ignacio Lopez beat Alfonso Aguirre, 6
Bobby Thomas stopped Dennis Haggerty, 1
Robert Powell beats Tacho Gomez, 6
Bennie Briscoe beat Nick Ortiz, 8
Kid Hinestroza halted Manny Gullatt, 2
Gary Giron stopped Buddy McKay, 2
Ted Sanders beat Mickey Goodwin, 10

JR. MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Mauricio Aldana beat Danny Adams, 8
Kenny Bristol whipped Alvin Anderson, 10
Bomber Goodridge beat James Bernard, 6
Maxie Sargeant whipped Lennox Summerset, 4
Calos Ramos beat Gumaro Martiniz, 6
Pete Seward beat Danny Donatto, 10
Raul Aguirre stopped Arturo Cirilos, 3
Nat Akbar beat Charley Petersln, 4

WELTERWEIGHTS
Ray Leonard beat Marcos Geraldo, 10
Abel Cordova stopped Fernando Lugo, 9
Pete Seward beat Danny Donato, 10
Victor Martinez stopped Jessie Lara, 2
Robert Turner halted Jose Baquedano, 2
Alejos Rodrigues beat Jose Figuero Perez, 10
Leroy Jefferson lost to Pablo Baes via KO, 7
Tommy Hearns stopped Harold Weston, 6

JR. WELTERWEIGHTS
Joe Kimpauani kayoed Jose Luis Heredia, 3
(European Jr. Welterweight Title)
Perico Fernandez stopped Justice Ortiz, 7
Ruby Ortiz beat Rogelio Castaneda, 10
Eric Bonilla won over Rubin Martinez, 8
Sal Lopez stopped Alfredo Carranza, 1
Camilo Flores Stopped John Morgan, 6
Yuca Jimenez beat Marvin Jenkins, 10
Raymond Serrano stopped Raymond Enriquez, 4
Hilmer Kenty halted Danny Benitez, 4

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Howard Davis stopped Giancarlo Usai, 3
Aaron Pryor hlated Freddie Harris, 3
Charlie Nash beat Jerome Artis, 8
Refugio Rojas stopped Willie Daniels, 4
Gonzalo Montellano stopped Abe Perez, 4
Daniel Patino stopped Carlos Contreras, 2
Jorge Hernandez and Max Cervantes drew, 6
Irleis Perez stopped Willie Daniels, 2
Ricardo Arredondo halted Roberto Perez, 4
Juan Venegas stopped Wilburn Lawson, 5
Rosendo Ramon and Camilio Ibarra drew, 3
Julio Valdez beat Ralph Racine, 10
Forentino Falcon beat Robert Perez, 10
Alex Contreras stopped Ramon Serfano, 3
smanuel Rodriguez lost to Robert Garica, 6
Augustin Caballero stopped Manuel Sanguillen, 3

JR. LIGHTWEIGHTS
Arturo Leon beat Ernesto Herrera, 10(disq)
Lionel Harney beat Sal Herte, 4
Bazooka Limon stopped Miguel Estrada, 5
Jerry Kornele stopped Alfredo Tijerina, 4
Roberto Elizondo stopped Jose Luis Medrano, 1
Lionel Harney whipped Eligio Montalvo, 4
Lloyd Allen beat Francisco Alvarado, 8

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Juan Escobar stopped Juan Bautista, 2
Fel Clemente halted Raul Tirado, 10
Roy Hernandez beat Daryl Jones, 10
Juan Escobar stopped Jose Cruz, 5
Salvador Sanchez beat James Martinez, 10
Juan Venegas beat Jose Chavez, 6
Carmelo Negron halted Bobby Everett, 1
Hector Cortez whipped Enrique Guerra, 10
Ruben Olivares drew with Guillermo Morales, 10
Francisco Pere beat Norberto De Leon, 4

JR. FEATHERWEIGHTS
Wilfredo Gomez halted Nelson Tamariz, 2
Joe Villegas and Chocolate Ruelas drew, 8
Gilbert Garza halted Joe Luis Escamilla, 3
Adelaido Galindo stopped Gilbert Villisana, 4
Sergio Reyes halted Adrian Zapantra, 9
Francisco Nunez beat Ernesto Ruis, 10
Jorge Alvarado beat humberto Mejis via KO, 3

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Delfino Cornejo beat Ricardo Manzano, 6
Albert Davila stopped Patricio Nunez, 9
Carlos Zuniga hlated Catalino Flores, 7
Hector Medina beat Jose Flores, 12
(Mexican Bantamweight Title)
Juan Aguilar was halted by Refugio Rodriguez, 2
Sergio Reyes kayoed Calvin Sheppard, 3
Raul Valdez beat Carlos Cantu, 10
Juan Zarate halted Hujberto Ruiz, 7
Jeff Chandler beat Justo Garcia, 10
Lupe Pintor stopped Rodrigo Gonzalez, 3
Carlos Zarate kayoed Celso Chairez, 5

FLYWEIGHTS
Park Chan-Hee beat Tsutomu Igarashi, 15
(World Flyweight Title)
Charlie Magri beat Franco Udella, 12
(European Flyweight Title)
Elias DeLeon halted Candelario Iglesia, 6
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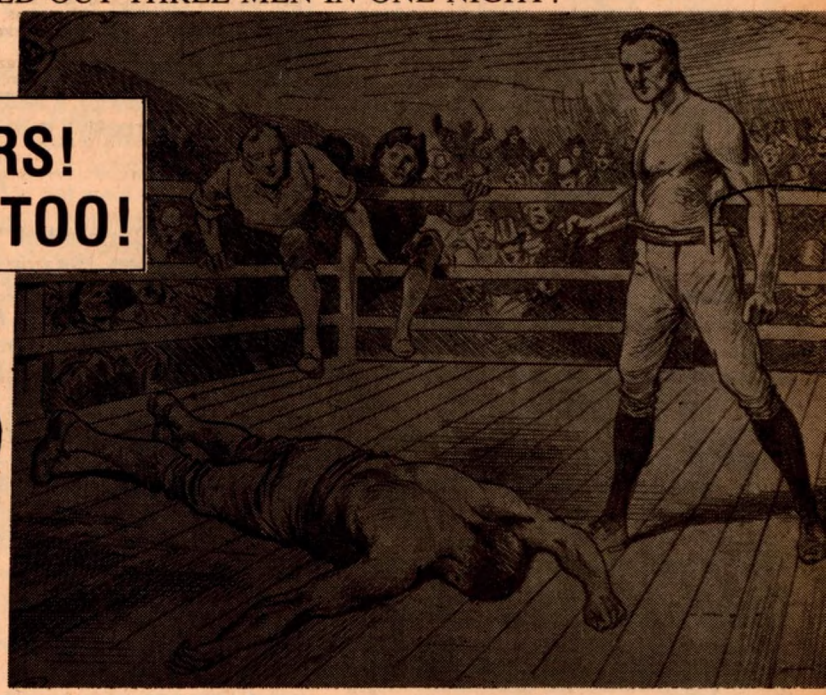

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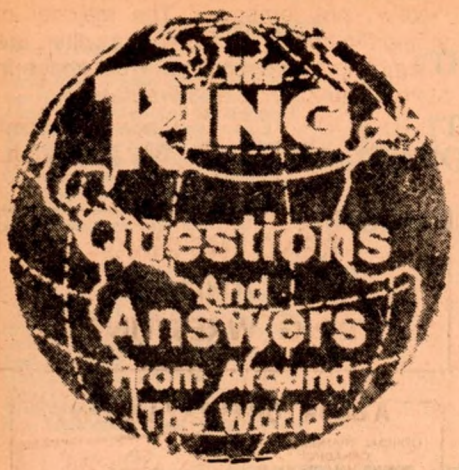

Q. I would like to know if there is a "John L. Sullivan" Museum. If so, where? I have a family album which I think was his (1901-1906). The pictures are excellent, but the album has about had it. What would the pictures be worth?

Henry N. Clark
Norfolk, Va.

A. There is no Sullivan Museum to our knowledge. If the pictures you mention is of normal stock, there's no added value. If the pictures are family pictures, they may have added value to anyone collecting material. If you please, you can avail yourself of our "Swap 'N' Sell" page, twenty-five words or less, which is free to our readers.

Q. I recently read that Rocky Marciano was a 9-5 favorite going into the first title fight with Walcott. How often have the challengers been favorites to win the title? Also, what were the odds in the Louis-Marciano fight?

F. Yusko
Edison, N.J.

A. Marciano was the 9-5 favorite as challenger against Walcott. Other challengers who were favoites going into title bouts included: Joe Louis, 5-2 over Braddock; Max Baer, 5-2 over Primo Carnera; and Sonny Liston, 10-7, over Floyd Patterson. Louis was a 13-10 favorite in his bout with Rocky Marciano.

Q. Did Lou Ambers, of Herkimer, N.Y. ever fight Hammering Hank Armstrong, and what was his correct name?

Harry Kent
Hartford, Conn.

A. Lou Ambers was born Louis D'Ambrisio and was known as the "Herkimer Hurricane." He was a stormy, two fisted fighter who fought the best in the lightweight division. He lost to Tony Canzoneri for the vacant lightweight title on May 10, 1935 in New York and won the title from Canzoneri on Sept 3, 1936, also in New York. He beat Canzoneri in their third meeting in New York for the title on May 7, 1937. After another successful defense against Pedro Montazes on Sept. 23, 1937, he met Henry Armstrong and lost the lightweight title after fifteen hectic rounds. The date was Aug. 17, 1938 in New York. He beat Armstrong in a return go on Aug. 22, 1939. Ambers lost the title to Lou Jenkins via a three round kayo in 1940. In a return go in 1941, Jenkins stopped him again in seven rounds. He ended his fighting career when he joined the Coast Guard in 1942 after a total of 102 bouts. He was elected to Boxing's Hall of Fame in 1964.

Q. What was the nationality of Eddie "Cannonball" Martin, a featherweight who fought out of Brooklyn in the 1920s?

James Robler
Brooklyn, N.Y.

A. Eddie "Cannonball" Martin was Italian-American. His correct name was Edward Vittorio Martino and he was born March 3, 1903. He had a total of ninety bouts in his career from 1922 to 1932. He won 45 decisions and stopped 27 of his opponents. He won the bantamweight title from Abe Goldstein on Dec. 19, 1924 and lost the crown to Charley Phil Rosenberg in 1925. In 1928, he fought Tod Morgan for the Junior lightweight title but lost over fifteen rounds.

Q. Can you tell me something about Bushy Graham, who fought through the late 1920s and early 1930s. I hear he was quite a belter.

James Jones
Deer Park, L.I.

A. Graham, who answered to the name of Angelo Geraci before his fighting days, was an Italian-American and was born June 18, 1903. He was a 126 pounder and stood 5-5. He was managed by Joe Metro. Like all the little men of his day, he was a busy performer in the ring. While he never won a world title, he won the vacant N.Y. Commission Bantamweight title by beating Corp. Izzy Schwartz on May 23, 1928. The following year, after losing to Kid Chocolate in New York, Graham gave up his claim to the title, when he outgrew the class. He continued to fight some tough fighters like Freddy Miller, Fidel LaBarba, Battling Battilino and other top notch performers. His last fight was a loss to Enriqio Venturi over eight rounds. He had a career total of 128 bouts of which he won 63 and stopped 37 opponents.

Q. According to a photograph I have access to, Dempsey fought a certain Sailor Burke The only opponent in Dempsey's record was a Martin Burke. Are they the same man?

Larry Roberts
Canada

A. No.

Q. I would like information concerning fan clubs for Wilfred Gomez and Wilfredo Benitez. I enjoy their fights and would like to know more about them. Also is it possible to buy photographs from their past careers.

Frank Sturm
Hermosa Beach, Calif.

A. Suggest you write to Jimmy Jacobs, manager of Wilfred Benitez, for information on his fan club. Don King promoted Wilfredo Gomez bouts may be acquainted with his fan club. We do not get involved in listing fan clubs of the many boxers participating in the sport.

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LIKES HEARNS

I am an avid boxing fan and have been following welterweight Thomas Hearns fighting in the Detroit area. Numerous world class fighters have been ducking him, including Sugar Ray Leonard. Leonard, Dundee and Bob Arum came to town to see the young man fight and left in a hurry.

To tell the truth, you can't blame these class fighters for ducking him. They value their reputation and world rankings and don't like the idea of being knocked out. Bob Arum was quoted comparing Hearns to Sugar Ray Robinson, "he had more power than anyone in his weight class and speed equaled by none."

He deserves more recognition than he's been getting.

David Rothbart
Southfield, Mich.

UNHAPPY OBSERVER

With two heavyweight titles up for grabs, overrated youngsters like Bernardo Mercado and Gerrie Coatzee are being pushed up the ladder quickly in hopes of landing a lucrative title shot at the WBC champ, Larry Holmes or Muhammad Ali, the WBA boss. Mercado was recently given a debateable decision over Horace "Big City" Robinson. Mercado showed me nothing. He spent most of the fight dancing around the ring throwing sluggish punches and doing a poor imitation of Muhammad Ali's "Rope-A-Dope". Gerrie Coatzeee was just given a 10-round nod over American Randy Stephens. The decision was booed even in Coatzee's backyard–Johanessburg, South Africa.

Mercado and Coatzee may be worthy contenders some day, but going by their most recent performances, you couldn't tell. I certainly hope Ali defends his title against the WBC champion to straighten the mess out.

Joseph T. Pàntaleo
Rochester, N.Y.

FEMALE BOXING

As a female boxer, I feel compelled to address both Mickey Zazzo as well as Gunter Trautner, whose letters were published in the Dec., 1978 issue.

Mr. Zazzo states he firmly believes in equal rights for women with the exception of men's rest rooms and the ring, further stating that his 25 years as a boxing writer should lend credence to his opinion.

Mr. Trautner was more venomous, feeling that women in boxing is "ridiculous, disgusting and a true product of the age of idiocy. The idea of two women battling away at each other, bloodying each others noses and blackening each other's eyes is not my idea of sport."

Mr. Zazzo, I must agree with your belief that women do not belong in men's rest rooms, and I do not want you or any other man in women's rest rooms. As for your credentials, a boxing writer is not a boxer. Writing and actually living what you write about are not the same.

As for Mr. Trautner, his afore-mentioned quote appears to be not so much as personal affront against some women in boxing as against boxing in general. I would say Mr. Trautner does not consider boxing a sport, as men have been battling away at each other, bloodying each other's noses and blackening each other's eyes for years. I would advise Mr. Trautner to consider other avenues of amusement, such as ping-pong, although there is the ever-present danger of a bloody nose or a black eye due to a ping-pong ball gone wild.

Mr. Esposito, on the other hand, enjoyed the "Women in Boxing" editorial and loves "ladies, not tomboys." The majority of women in boxing, including the writer, are attempting to present that exact image in spite of the Zazzo's and Trautner's.

Linda G. Heltzel
Bay City, Mich.

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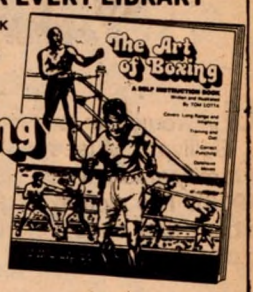

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VBA Ring, 21, Brooklyn, held a dinner for Sam Markowitz at Macali's Restaurant. Standing, left-to-right, are: Lou Salica, Sam Taub, and Marcowitz. Mrs. Salica is seated far left. Steve Riggio, Charley Spina, and Mrs. Spina are seated far right. (Photo by Don Francione).

Olga Connolly, the first woman ever named to the California Athletic Commission, with WBC bantamweight champion Carlos Zarate and challenger Mensa Kpalogo of West Africa. Zarate kayoed the Togo boxer in three rounds in the Forum, Inglewood.

Former world welterweight champion Carlos Palomino and Ken Howard on location during filming for the CBS-TV series, The White Shadow.

Former world heavyweight king Ingemar Johansson and his daughter visit well known businessman and sportswriter William P. Hamilton at his home in Svalov, Sweden. Ingo spends most of his time in Florida, but lives three months of every year in western Sweden with his two children and his wife, Brigit.

Solly Shapiro, the old Williamsburg Flash, who was a U.S. Navy middleweight champ during World War II and a local boxer in the 1930s, is now a law assistant to Brooklyn Supreme Court Justice Gerald Beldock. Photo shows him sparring with former heavyweight Lou Barba aboard the USS Brazil off the coast of South America in 1941.

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PACKY CARUSO AND ACE HAWKINS ILLUSTRATED BY GABE PERILLO STORY BY RICHIE CAGGIANO

BABA TURNS AND TALKS TO THE CROWD, HE'S ALL SMILES AS THE BELL SOUNDS. . . . . .

...ALI BABA SNEERS AT CARUSO AS HE SNAPS A LONG STIFF LEFT JAB TO PACKY'S FACE. HE'S SERIOUS NOW, HE'S GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS, "THIS GUY HAS TO GO!!!

SUDDENLY, BOTH MEN UNLEASH SAVAGE LEFT HOOKS... THEY BOTH LAND SENDING BOTH MEN CRASHING TO THE CANVAS - - - -

THE REFEREE LOOKS BEWILDERED, BUT HE BEGINS A COUNT ... 1, 2, 3, 4... PACKY GRABS FOR THE ROPES AND ALI BABA IS ON ONE KNEE - - - -

6-7-79

GABE PERILLO

UP AND DOWN

Old Broadway

By SAM TAUB

Oddities are found in the boxing lives. Perusing over our *Ring Record Book*, we found the case where two heavyweight champions were triumphant over brothers, and one case where a champion whipped a father and son, not necessarily in title matches, The first was that of Jack Johnson, the Galveston wizard. Years before Jack met and conquered the former unbeaten James J. Jeffries on July 4, 1910, in Reno, Nevada, which Tex Rickard stopped in the fifteenth round, Johnson had halted Jim's brother Jack in five rounds in Los Angeles, Calif., on May 16, 1902. That was the first case on record of a fighter vanquishing brothers.

Next came the case of the "Brown Bomber," Joe Louis, who turned back the Baer brothers, Max and Buddy. Max was the first victim. The conqueror of Primo Carnera who was later dethroned by James J. Braddock, the "Cinderella Man", when they met before Joe Louis was champion. It wwas in the Yankee Stadium and Louis, scored a four round kayo over the former kingpin, Maxie, on Sept. 24, 1935. Then came not one but two scraps with Maxie's younger brother, Buddy. In Griffith Stadium, in Washington, D.C., on May 23, 1941, when Louis retained his laurels on a disqualification in seven rounds and then scored a one round kayo over Buddy when they met again in New York's Madison Square Garden on Jan. 9, 1942, a show for the Army and Navy Relief Fund.

The third instance of a man who was heavyweight king beating two members of the same family, the only one where the title holder whipped a father and then the son involved Jersey Joe Walcott. Long before Joe became the heavyweight king, he registered a three round kayo over Phil Johnson in three rounds in Philadelphia on Jan. 22, 1936, and on Feb. 8, 1950, he stopped the son, Harold Johnson, also in three rounds and also in Philadelphia. Harold Johnson, on Feb. 7, 1961, became the NBA light heavyweight champion via a ninth round kayo over Jesse Bowdry in Miami Beach. That's the only case we know of a boxer beating a father and son combination in the pro ranks.

Meeting some of the veteran boxers on Kings Highway, we ran into a classy youngster in his day, Harry Walker by name. He hailed from Brownsville, in Brooklyn. and performed as a flyweight and later as a bantam. When many eastern pugs left for the Coast, at the time California did away with their four round no-decision scraps, Walker was among the gang from the East who migrated to the Coast. He reminisced about those early days of Eastern scrappers landing in California.

Talk about fighters doing good deeds. For instance, our Brooklyn pal, Vito Antuofermo, who came here from Italy to establish himself in Brooklyn, during the Spring had a call to put in an appearance in his Native, Bari, Italy. That's a stone throw from where Vito hailed from. The Tony Carrione gladiator was asked to put in an appearance for a convent and gladly made the trip, accompanied by his pro pal, Dave Conteh, who spent about ten days on their mission. Vito donated his services. It was a charity affair and they were happy with the reception they received. let us add fighters have always been on the ball when it came to answering any call for charity.

There are a lot of artists appearing on the fistic scene. Bill Gallo, of the *New York Daily News*, of course, is our standout. Another prospect is Bob Lowery, who has been doing some fine work for the New York Yankees and *The New York Times*. He recently gave "Yours Truly" a makeup which was very flattering.

Promoter Bob Arum was quoted recently as saying that Champion Muhammad Ali has been suffering from kidney trouble. Bob, who invited us to New Orleans, as an honorary announcer when Ali regained his crown from Leon Spinks, may be telling us something. Those kidney punches never did anyone any good. Ali and chaps like Joe Frazier would know more about it, as they have been subjected to many gruelling combats in their amazing pugilistic careers.

Bobby Gleason's gymnasium on West 30th St. has moved just across the street from where they have been for many years at 252 West 30th St. to 261, diagonally across the street. Pat Colovita, the name being spelled like Rocky Colavito, the former baseball star, is the manager, and genial Sammy Morgan handles the office business, and they do a fine job. It's a lovely gymnasium and visited by many of the current fighters.

Ran into ex-middleweight king. Ben Jeby, who is now retired from the business world and spends his afternoon's at Gleason's Gym looking for a future ring star, believe it or not. Affable Ben and his lovely wife, Evelyn, live in Brooklyn Heights. Ben was handled by the late Hymie Kaplan, who also managed former champions Lou Salica, twice bantam king, and the late middleweight boss, Solly Krieger, who was also a product of New York's East Side. Danny Kaplan, brother of Hymie, never had a boxing king, but had a great lightweight in East Side's Sid Terris, known as the "Galloping Ghost," a classy light weight prospect in his days. Jeby was caught talking with Leonard Del Genio, a stablemate of the late Tony Canzoneri, at Gleason's and he, too, has his eyes on a couple of future ring prospects. Jeby's prospect is a non-pro by the name of Larry McKeever, a Bronx featherweight who has fought as an amateur.

SAM TAUB

Before we forget it, while we have the chance, don't forget the great champion of yesteryear, the late Johnny Dundee, the "Scotch-Wop" now gone. He was managed by the late Scotty Monteith. Dundee was a great featherweight king and later the junior lightweight boss. He fought the brilliant Benny Leonard and others of his era and was great. Johnny used to hold a matchstick in his mouth while boxing.

Hanging out in gymnasiums gives one an education about those still in boxing. Take the case of Howie Albert, who has been associated with Gil Clancy, now matchmaker for Madison Square Garden, for twenty-five years. Howie was an amateur boxer who fought for Mike Capriani. Admits he had sixteen semi-pro scraps and thirty-five others while in the service. Howie and Clancy have done a great job with fighters, especially with Emile Griffith, who held the welter or middleweight crown on six different occasions. Griffith is busy at gyms tutoring prospects on his own account and Clancy is the Garden's matchmaker.

Freddie Brown, co-winner with Ray Arcel of the Boxing Writers' Jimmy Walker Award for the year, has been part of the Queensberry

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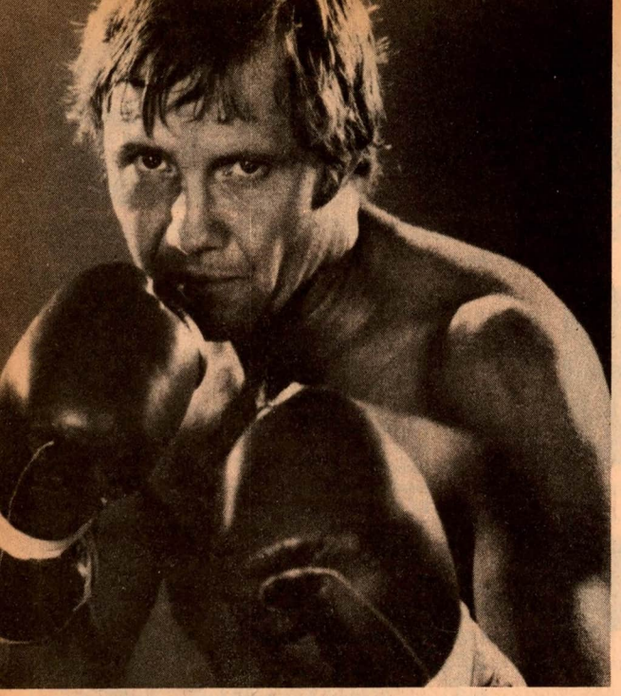


Jon Voight plays Billy Flynn, an ex-champion who attempts to make a comeback for the sake of his idolizing son.

JON VOIGHT AND RICKY SCHRODER STAR IN UPDATE OF OLD WALLACE BEERY-JACKIE COOPER CLASSIC

By JOAN F. LOUBET
Photos Courtesy of MGM

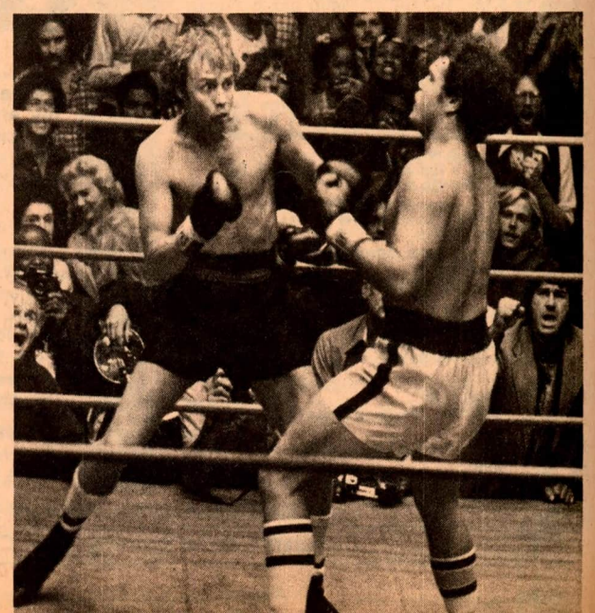
Directed by Franco Zeffirelli. Screenplay by Walter Newman, based on a story by Frances Marion.
Produced by Dyson Lovell.
MGM, released by United Artists.

One may easily wonder why Franco Zeffirelli felt the need to do a remake of *The Champ*. The old one was perfectly good enough, sitting back in 1931 where it belongs, hallowed by time, sentiment and tears. A good deal of the reverence rubs off, if the nostalgia doesn't, and at times the sentimentality becomes downright maudlin. Even to a sentimentalist like me.

Zeffirelli said he was slumped in his easy chair in London after a long dreary day when the old familiar MGM logo flashed onto his television screen. For the next two hours, while childhood memories came flooding back, he was mesmerized. He rushed to the phone, called Hollywood, and the wheels began to turn.

The story, as though you didn't know, concerns a boozy, gambling ex-champion with recurring headaches who earns a living walking racehorses in Miami. He lives with his adoring seven-year-old son, the Jackie Cooper part played with all stops out by young Ricky Schroder. Ricky is appealing beyond reason, and can make the tears well at the push of a button, which is perhaps why mine didn't. He began his acting career on television, doing commercials at the age of three months. T.J., as he is known in the film, calls his dad "Champ" and works hard to reform him. The champ, you see, has kept in training, of sorts, for the comeback that never quite happens. T.J.'s dream is for his dad to win back the title. The two truly, tenderly take care of one another.

(Above) Flynn brawls with bodyguard (Alex Sharpe). (Right) Billy against Rowland Bowers (Randall Cobb).



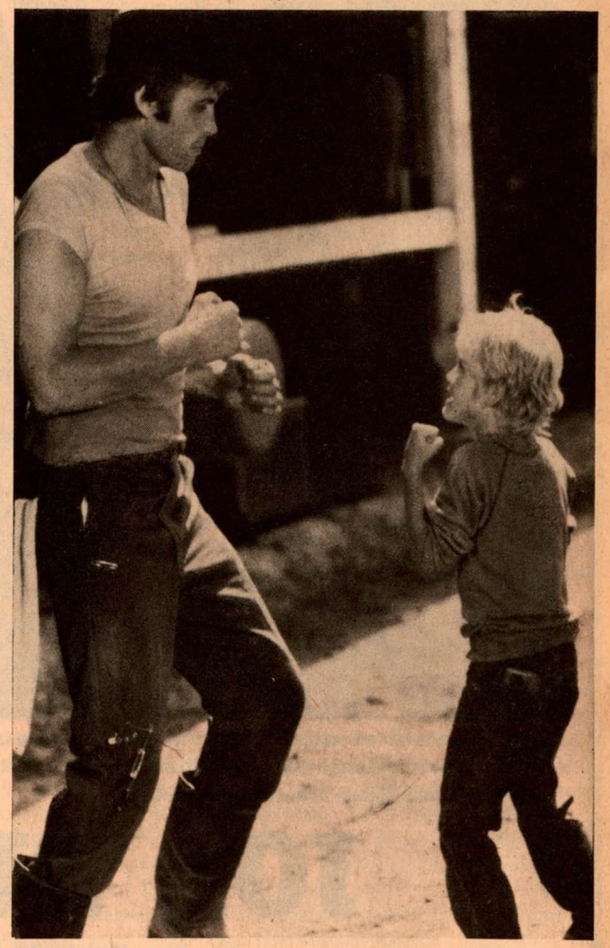
Flynn gambles for high stakes in a Miami crap game.

Enter Momma, or Annie, who has carved a tremendously successful career in fashion for herself and remarried a rich, nice guy. She does not recognize her son till she sees her ex-husband Billy (Jon Voight) at the racetrack. Billy points out the boy with a predictable where-were-you-when-he-needed-you and stay-away-he-thinks-you're-dead speech. Naturally, Momma will have none of this and woos her son with a yacht roughly comparable to the Taj Mahal and a saddle for his racehorse. How can Billy Flynn compete on this level? He tries to make T.J. return to his ma, who does finally identify herself to her unbelieving child. The kid wants his father, although he does feel real affection for Annie. Reunion scene with tears enough to float the grandstand.

What's left to do? Train–*really* train–for a comeback, of course. T.J. is proud fit to bust as the champ follows the straight and narrow. There's a fine scene in the dressing room before the fight when Billy faces his own image in the mirror with lurking fear and his sturdy, confident young opponent in the room across the hall is reflected in the same mirror.

The fight itself is extremely well done. It is bloody, brutal, and real. At times, Voight performs almost like the old Ali, though at others the fight tends to look more like a preliminary with its telegraphed roundhouse swings. The viewer is genuinely caught up in the excitement, torn between the high that comes to the fan watching a classic slugfest and the ache one feels for the man.

Fistically, Voight, trained by Jimmy Gambina, who also did the job for *Rocky*, was fine. He played the fight scenes himself with Randall Cobb as his opponent. Cobb is a real-life contender who has won his seven pro fights via K.O. Voight is 6′3″, 189 pounds; Cobb, 6′3″, 229. I understand Zeffirelli has Voight in mind to do *Hamlet*. Well!



Billy spars with his son, T.J. (Ricky Schroder).

Faye Dunaway's Annie is all right, though it's hard to believe that, with her cool elegance, she could ever have gone for a palooka like Billy Flynn. She's a mite overdone–everyone is–and I don't care if I never see another chiffon scarf.

Jack Warden, as Billy's old manager who knows Billy shouldn't return to the ring, couldn't be better. He knows what he's about. Interestingly, his history includes, as a teenager, 13 professional welterweight bouts under the name of Johnny Costello. Arthur Hill plays his usual refined, "nice guy" part of the husband with customary perfection, and Joan Blondell is exactly right as the semi-tough wealthy racetrack aficionada.

I only wish Ricky Schroder weren't quite so cute and quite so quick on the draw of a handkerchief. Somehow the total picture lacks a *genuine* quality, but heaven knows any fight fan will enjoy it.

Bring a box of Kleenex, just in case. And watch out for those pink flamingoes.

Joe Burman is far left on the first row, kneeling. This was taken at the Cauliflower Alley Club in Hollywood, Calif., in 1976. In the middle row is Mushy Callahan with ex-WBC lightweight champion Rodolfo Gonzalez. On the right is Jimmy McLarnin with Aldo Spoldi, former featherweight champion.

JOE BURMAN

By JESS HERNANDEZ

Los Angeles, Calif.–Former bantamweight contender Joe Burman, who died at the age of eighty in West Hollywood, won't ever be in boxing's Hall of Fame. Yet the one-time bantamweight, who retired in the mid-1920s, earned himself a niche as one of boxing's nonpareil ringmen. It wasn't Joe Burman's fault that he didn't win the world bantamweight crown. He was all set to tangle with bantamweight champ Joe Lynch for the title on the fateful night of April 23, 1924 in Madison Square Garden. The only trouble was that Lynch refused to weigh-in for the scheduled fifteen-rounder. Lynch claimed a shoulder injury and the fight never came off. "That was the most disappointing thing that happened to me in boxing," lamented the late Burman. Burman and Lynch fought five times between 1917 and 1923 and most of them were no-decision fights.

Born December 12, 1898, in London, England, the 5-4, 118-pound Joe Burman settled in Chicago, where he launched his professional career in 1917. A classy boxer-puncher, Burman kayoed Jimmy Mars in three rounds in his pro debut. While American doughboys were in France, fighting the Germans in World War I, Burman was knocking out Johnny Fallon in two rounds, Tommy White in five rounds, Bobby Turner in four, and Kid McCarthy in one. The only ring setback for Burman in 1917 was against Gussy Lewis, who beat him in six rounds. When Joe Lynch was beating Pete Herman for the bantamweight throne in 1920, Joe Burman and Pete Herman fought an eight-round no-decision bout. Joe Lynch was an ex-champion during the year 1921 when Burman and Lynch engaged in their first no-decision fight over the ten-round route. A return engagement between both bantamweights during the year resulted in an eight round no-decision brawl. The year 1922 will always remain vivid in the minds of oldtimers who recall the career of Joe Burman. That was the year the Chicago bantamweight clashed with future world champ Sammy Mandell in a ten-round no-decision fight.

In 1923, the U.S. held every major ring title from flyweight to heavyweight. But for Joe Burman, the year wasn't very eventful since he lost to Abe Goldstein on October 19 in twelve rounds in New York and also suffered a ten-round loss to Irish J. Curtin in St. Louis. On March 19, Burman and Joe Lynch engaged in another no-decision fight in Chicago. It is unfortunate

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RINGSIDE WITH "Sailor" Don Sauer

By DON SAUER

The remake of the movie, *The Champ*, is playing to large audiences all over the U.S. and Canada . . . RANDY "TEX" COBB, 6'3", 225-pound heavyweight, lent authenticity to the boxing scene, the climax of the film–COBB is managed by the veteran, knowledgeable Philadelphian, JOE GRAMBY–fast becoming the "dean of the old-time fight managers." JOE, at one time, brought BOB MONTGOMERY to the lightweight throne–. Back to COBB–he stumbled into the part while training in a gym in a suburb of Los Angeles. He had all the ingredients for the part of the "bad guy" . . . curly hair, gap-toothed smile, and a huge physique–these all served to enhance. RANDY told me recently–"I was impressed with JON VOIGHT; he did a fine job." COBB is a Philadelphian by way of Texas–and is unbeaten since joining the "punch for pay ranks" . . . Stranger things have happened, but, ordinarily, a fighter does not forfeit the title when he has injured a hand . . . Jersey's MIKE ROSSMAN handed VICTOR GALINDEZ the WBA light heavyweight crown when he said he couldn't come out of his corner . . . lost sitting on the stool–! I cannot understand why ROSSMAN didn't follow the strategy he used in the first fight with GALINDEZ–pressing him and making him back up on those tired old legs of his. He let VICTOR control the fight from the very start–which cost him dearly! This played right into Galindez's hands. . . . BABE GRIFFIN still has high hopes for PETE RANZANY–still trying to "close money matches" for the ex-army champ, who was destroyed by PIPINO CUEVAS–a match that never should have been made at the time. BABE keeps boxing alive in California. . . . ROBERT DINIRO will portray JAKE LaMOTTA in the film of JAKE's life, *Raging Bull*, to be released soon . . . More boxing movies have hit the screens than those on any other sport–I can recall: *Gentleman Jim–The Prizefighter and The Lady–Here Comes Mr. Jordan–Champion–Requiem for a Heavyweight–The Battling Bellhop–Somebody Up There Likes Me–Monkey On My Back–The Great White Hope–The Great John L.–The Set-Up–The Harder They Fall–Rocky–Fat City–The Greatest*–and, *The Pittsburgh Kid*, to name just a few . . . MIRCEA SIMON, the Romanian defector now based in Los Angeles, is owned, lock, stock, and barrel, by the Olympic–They have done a tremendous job of building this boy up, but they will soon have to find out whether or not he can fight!!! MATTHEW FRANKLIN, who annexed the WBC light heavyweight title from MARVIN JOHNSON at Indianapolis recently (an 8th round TKO)–immediately announced he is a Muslim and will be known as MATTHEW SAAD MUHAMMAD. . . . Everyone is steering clear of PIPINO CUEVAS–wonder why?? PIPINO is the only true "assassin" boxing today–can this guy whack–wow!!! ALDO SPOLDI, the Italian lightweight of years gone by, who met the best in the division in the thirties and early forties, is now living in San Diego, California . . . ALDO writes for an Italian newspaper in southern California–covering the boxing beat . . . JOE HERMAN, predicted thirteen years ago, when he returned from Korea, where he spent six months training athletes under government supervision, that foreign boxers would supplant Americans as world champions in almost every weight division . . . Take a look at your champs today–JOE was "right on the money" . . . HERMAN is now eighty years young . . . he co-owned the famous NEWMAN-HERMAN GYM in San Francisco for years–selling his end recently to his long time partner, BILLY NEWMAN. JOE has traveled world-wide–now predicts that Africa will develop a great number of contenders and perhaps a champion in the next five or six years . . . There is a great interest in boxing there–Kids are taking up the sport–Gyms and boxing folks are springing up in big and small cities . . . They are lacking good instroctors–but all this will come about, according to JOE HERMAN–He is a guy who should know–! TOMMY RAWSON recently said to me at a show at the Boston Garden–"We have plenty of kids who want to fight–but no one around today to teach them properly" . . . He is so right. . . ! Former west coast top boxing writer EDDIE MULLER is going at a fast clip on his forthcoming book on boxing. I can't wait for my copy–It will be well worth reading–as EDDIE MULLER knows the fight game "inside and out" . . . Watch for it in your book stores . . . Former Oakland Raider football coach JOHN MADDEN is a great boxing fan . . . don't be too surprised if he applies for and gets a promoter's license in Oakland or San Francisco. . . . 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"Sailor" Don Sauer, "Ringside" boxing columnist and former U.S. Navy welterweight champion.

ring–He is going to marry JUANITA WILKERSON around Christmas time. . . . SUGAR RAY bought his parents a $65,000 mortgage-free home–nice gesture indeed! His attorney, MIKE TRAINER, who does the negotiating–is a "tough nut to crack" at the bargaining table . . . but he comes up with the right amount and has made LEONARD a man with few financial worries, which is the name of this game. . . . YAQUI LOPEZ is recovering successfully from plastic surgery . . . he'll be available later this summer . . . Old-time Chicago heavyweight JOHNNY HOLMAN, who mingled with many of the "names" in his heyday, is presently training young fighters in Sacramento, Calif. . . . MARTY WEILL, stepson of the late AL, now manager of Edelson's Men's Shop in Ironton, Ohio–was recently appointed Chairman of the West Virginia AAU Jr. Olympic Boxing Committee . . . There were 240 boxers in that tournament from all over the mid-west competing for the chance to go to the Nationals . . . MARTY, when AL became the matchmaker for the 20th Century Sporting Club, took over the managerial reins of ROCKY MARCIANO for his father . . . He is a mighty popular guy in Ohio today–His services are requested for speaking engagements at banquets . . . MARTY was "weened" on a boxing glove–no question about it. . . . The five Philadelphia fighters to hold the light heavyweight title were BATTLING LEVINSKY–TOMMY LOUGHRAN–JACK O'BRIEN–HAROLD JOHNSON–and MIKE ROSSMAN–Bet you didn't know that one!

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By DON FRASER

SANDOVAL BEATS LOGAN IN REMATCH

LOS ANGELES–The career of Alberto (Superfly) Sandoval is still very much alive following the reversal of a loss to Eddie Logan of Detroit.

A gathering of over five thousand at the Olympic Auditorium watched Sandoval score a unanimous ten-round decision win over Eddie in a rematch of a fight won by Logan.

There were no knockdowns in the fast paced bout, but both bantamweights were stunned several times and both were cut.

Superfly said he was in better condition this time and was much stronger than Logan. "I was smarter, not as anxious as before," added Alberto.

Logan's veteran trainer, James (Cannonball) Greene, thought the Michigan boxer had the edge, but would welcome a third session with Sandoval.

Weights: Sandoval, 119, Logan, 119½. The gate was $23,053, best of the year at the Olympic.

Other results: Desi Newbill, 122, Los Angeles, and Lorenzo Ramirez, 121, Mexico, drew, six; Carlos Ramos, 149, Los Angeles, outpointed Gumaro Martinez, 149, Mexico, Six; El Gato, 149, Mexico, outscored Agapito Ramirez, 147, Los Angeles, ten.

LOS ANGELES–Prelim prospect Tony Baltazar of La Puente may be just the best youngster in Southland boxing rings.

The eighteen-year-old brother of main eventer Frankie, polished off Eric Bonilla, 135, San Diego, in two rounds of their scheduled four-rounder at the Olympic Auditorium.

Baltazar, who weighed 135, won his fourth straight since turning pro two months prior.

The ten-round main event between Cleveland Denny, 136, Montreal, and Chuy Rodriguez, 135½, Mexico, ended up a technical draw at 2:01 of the eighth round when Denny suffered a cut from an accidental butt.

Other results: Lorenzo Ramirez, 119, East Los Angeles, and Del Cornejo, 121, Mexico, drew, six; Sal Ugaldo, 121, Los Angeles, outscored Desi Newbill, 121, Los Angeles, six.

LOS ANGELES–Oscar (The Boxer) Muniz, 119, and Herman Montes, 135, two standouts of the Bennie Georgino stable, were knockout winners in 10 round co-features at the Olympic Auditorium.

Muniz was pounding away at Jose Resindez, 119, Mexico, when referee Rudy Jordan stepped in and ended matters at 1:58 of the sixth round.

Montes captured his seventeenth straight when he halted outclassed Miguel Estrada, 134, El Paso, at 2:12 of the fourth round. Jordan was also the ref.

Both Muniz and Montes are from the Montebello area.

Other results: Tony Baltazar, 134, La Puente, kayoed Roberto Garcia, 135, Mexico, two; Rocky Garcia, 120, Los Angeles, outpointed Roberto Gomez, 129, Mexico, six.

PICO/RIVERA–Pro boxing under the lights resumed at the Pico-Rivera Sports Arena for the 1979 summer season.

In the ten-round feature event, Mexico's Rogelio Castenada, 139, scored somewhat of a upset in taking a unanimous decision over Hector Rivera, 139, Dominican Republic.

Other results: Jesse Prietos, 215, Las Vegas, outpointed Lee Hollaman, 214, Los Angeles, six; Dan Aguilar, 114, Los Angeles, outscored Aaron Morva, 114, Pico-Rivera, six; Armando Ugaldo, 113, Mexico, decisioned Johnny Garcia, 113, East Los Angeles.

The crowd was kept down because of a chilly night. The gate was $2,870.

PICO/RIVERA–The second show in the new weekly series at the outdoor Sports Arena produced a small turnout of fans–less than 220 paid for a gate of $940.

However, the program was full of action, with local boy Pepe Dominguez, 142, Pico-Rivera roaring to a ten-round victory over Horace Shufford, 145½, Las Vegas.

Other results: Randy McGrady, 150, Los Angeles, outpointed Fahim Muhammad, 151, Los Angeles, six; Johnny Vasquez, 169, East Los Angeles, outscored Richard Abbot, 161, Los Angeles, four.

LOS ANGELES–Mircea Simon, a silver medal winner for his native Romania in the Montreal Olympic Games, knocked out beefy Beau Williford of North Carolina in the second round of their scheduled ten-rounder at the Olympic Auditorium.

Simon, who was stopped by Cuba's Teofilo Stevenson in the Olympic finals, upped his pro record to 9-0-1. Only a draw against Eddie Lopez mars his slate.

At 250 pounds, Beau was quite a few pounds over his fighting weight. He later admitted that he was out of condition, but did credit Simon with being the hardest hitter he has ever been in against.

Simon, 219, dropped Williford twice before the mismatch was ended twenty seconds into the second.

Other results: Delfino Cornejo, 120, Mexico, kayoed Cristobal Gutierrez, 117, Los Angeles, six; Cleveland Denny, 135, Montreal, knocked out Ignacio Jimenez, 136, Mexico, three.

SAN DIEGO–Veteran heavyweight contender Ron Lyle, 217, Denver, pounded away at Fila Moala, 241, Samoa, till he couldn't continue midway in the eighth round before a Coliseum crowd of 1,800.

Lyle dominated the action from the offset and landed at will before the referee raised his hand.

SAN DIEGO–Once beaten Zeffie Gonzalez, 146½, Pico-Rivera, was awarded a technical decision over Babs McCarty, 147, Sacramento, in their scheduled ten-rounder at the Coliseum.

Gonzalez was ahead on points when he became the victim of an accidental butt early in the fourth round. Joey Lopes, the manager of McCarty, protested referee Bobby Valdez's decision.

LOS ANGELES–Victor Abraham seems to save his best for out-of-town fights.

Though he won a rugged decision over Agapito Ramirez, 148, Mexico, at the Olympic Auditorium, it was a struggle for ten rounds. Prior to meeting Ramirez, Victor looked good in winning bouts in Puerto Rico.

Abraham weighed 147 and is from Los Angeles.

Other results: Gumaro Martinez, 149½, Mexico, outscored Carlos Ramos, 151½, Los Angeles, four; Francisco Sanchez, 118, East Los Angeles, fought a technical draw with Desi Newbill, 118, Los Angeles, two; Val Holquin, 126, Mexico, outpointed Jose Olivares, 129, Long Beach, six.

LOS ANGELES–A new boxing club headed by former welterweight contender Hedgemon Lewis and with financial backing from actor Ryan O'Neal had its maiden promotion at the Shrine Exposition Hall, located next to the USC campus.

Marty Monroe, 214, Philadelphia, a heavy fisted prospect, blasted Abdul Khan, 212, Los Angeles, out at 2:11 of the second round. Khan formerly boxed as Mel Rush.

The crowd was around four hundred and the gate was $3820.

LOS ANGELES–After a sluggish beginning, Alberto Davila picked up momentum and went on to score a knockout (cut eye) over Patricio Numez of the Dominican Republic at the Olympic Auditorium.

The bout was stopped at 1:20 of the ninth round with Numez cut over the left eye. He also was bleeding from a bruised lip.

There were no knockdowns, but once Davila figured out the style of the Dominican, he had few problems. He was ahead on all three official cards at the finish.

Alberto, who fights out of Pomona, weighed 119¾; Nunez, 119. The crowd numbered 2,400.

Making his ten-round bow, Irleis Perez, 136, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, was impressive in stopping Willie Daviels, 136½, Philadelphia, at 2:33 of the second round.

It was the tenth consecutive win for Perez against no losses and the eighth knockout for the 20-year-old Cuban.

Perez had ouclassed Daniels, but it was a cut over Willie's right eye that forced referee Dick Steele to end it.

In the lone prelim, Carlos Ramos, 150, Los Angeles, decisioned Gumaro Martinez, 150, Mexico, six.

LOS ANGELES– Young Frankie Baltazar, 132, twice managed to deck Frank Ahumada, 131, Mexico, but couldn't keep him there and had to be content with a ten-round decision at the Olympic Auditorium.

For Baltazar, it was his first outing in five months because of a hand injury. But he hardly displayed the effects of the lay-off.

Frankie gave Ahunada credit for having a strong chin and admitted his (Ahumada's) awkward style bothered him.

Other results: Francisco Sanchez, 118½, Los Angeles, kayoed Pedro Morantez, 117½, Mexico, two; Clemente Enriquez, 135, Los Angeles, knocked out Vicente Barreto, 136, Los Angeles, two; Ted Sanders, 169, Southwest Los Angeles, outpointed Dick Abbott, 173½, Los Angeles, six.

Bobby Chacon offers an encouraging handshake to Tony Mora, matchmaker for the Pico Rivera Sports Arena's regular Friday night program

SAN DIEGO–Blond Ricky Weigel, 159, Los Angeles, blitzed Carmenlo Garcia, 159, Mexico, scoring a third round knockout in their scheduled ten-rounder at the Coliseum.

Other results: Ricard Manzano, 117¾, San Diego, outpointed Delfino Cornejo, 119, Mexico, five; Francisco Pico, 129, Mexico, outscored Fernando Reyes, 130½, Los Angeles, four; Niua Tofaeono, 177, Samoa, kayoed Sylvester Greene, 176, San Diego, four; Bob Willcot, 150, San Diego, knocked out Scott Baker, 145¾, San Diego, two.

The gate was $3,608.

LOS ANGELES–Herman Montes, 135, Montebello, continued his winning ways with a one-sided ten-round decision over Augustine Rivera, 135, Mexico, at the Olympic Auditorium.

Montes upped his record to 16-0 and wants a showdown with unbeaten Howard Davis next.

The only knockdown came in the fifth, when Herman dropped Rivera with a quick left hook. It looked for a time that Rivera was through for the night, but he bounced back to make it interesting.

Other results: Wally Yarborough, 163, Los Angeles, outscored Richard Abbott, 164, Los Angeles, four; Tony Baltazar, 136, La Puente, kayoed Julio Alonzo, 140, Mexico, two; Desi Newbill, 120¼, Los Angeles, outpointed Lino Casillas, 119, Mexico, six; Chuy Rodriguez, 134, Mexico, kayoed Julian Mendes, 135½, Los Angeles, one.

The attendance was 2,041 with a gate of $6,996.

SAN DIEGO–Ricky Weigel improved his record with a one-round knockout over Antonio Adame in the scheduled ten-round feature at the Coliseum.

Young Ricky is now 14-2 and a prime favorite in San Diego. He weighed 157¾; Adame, 162. Weigel hails from Los Angeles, Adame from Tijuana.

In the only supporting bout, Ruben Martinez, 140, San Diego, and Carlos Barragon, 140, Mexico, drew in eight rounds.

The gate was $3,318.

SAN DIEGO–Andy Price, whose claim to fame is that he was the last fighter to defeat WBA welterweight champion Pipino Cuevas, took a ten-round nod over Billy Miller, 149, Dallas, at the Coliseum.

It was back in June of 1976 that Price collected a ten-round decision over Cuevas in Los Angeles.

Other results: Kenny Croom, 150½, Los Angeles, kayoed Johnny Laine, 154, London, England, four; Mike Rundell, 151, San Diego, outscored Bob Willcot, 146¾, San Diego, five; Johnny Papin, 125, San Diego, and Jorge Portela, 127, Mexico, drew five.

The gate was $3,654.

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THE BRITISH ISLES

By RON OLVER

SIBSON HALTS LUCAS

Royal Albert Hall, London–This was promoter Mike Barrett's 100th show at this venue in seventeen years, and I'm happy to say I've missed only a handful of them. It's a great hall for atmosphere, and Mike and Mickey Duff have put on some great fights there. There have been plenty of upsets, too, and this time was no exception, with substitute Tony Sibson, Leicester, 157, winning the vacant British middleweight title by beating Frankie Lucas, Croydon, a native of St. Vincent, 159½.

The fight was stopped in the fifth round after Lucas had been down three times, and seemingly helpless.

It was a fairy-tale ending for Sibson, who celebrated his twenty-first birthday the day before the fight, and who was only third-choice for this contest.

When Alan Minter gave up the title to concentrate on higher things, Lucas was paired with Bunny Sterling. The latter then withdrew, so Kevin Finnegan was nominated. A fortnight before the contest was due to take place, Finnegan, too, had to withdraw through injury, so Sibson got his chance.

Only a couple of months previously, Sibson's manager, Carl Gunns, accepted a fight for Sibson against champion Bunny Johnson for the latter's British light heavyweight crown at only a week's notice, but Tony turned down the offer. How wise he was.

There was plenty of needle against Lucas, too. Frankie did his share of talking when the boxers were in the centre of the ring, listening to the referee's final instructions. But Tony stood his ground, looked his opponent straight in the eyes. In fact, he pushed forward, which seemed to surprise Lucas.

Having failed to psyche his man, Frankie continued the chatting in the opening round, and at the end of the round there were ominous marks around Tony's sides. Referee Wally Thom walked to Lucas corner to have a word with him during the interval.

Lucas probably won the opening round, and he looked good in the second, scoring with southpaw right jabs. As yet, Sibson was only feeling his way, and Lucas turned it on again in round three, scoring with a right and left to the head.

Sibson retaliated in kind, which caused his many supporters (he sold nearly 4,000 worth of tickets) to shout encouragement. Then came the turning-point, with blood coming from a longish cut on Lucas right eyebrow. He has been frequently susceptible to such cuts.

This was just the break that Sibson needed, and he flung himself into the attack, punching away with hooks from both hands. It was punch and counterpunch in the fourth, and, all the time, Sibson was growing in confidence.

The fifth was proceeding on the same lines, with punches being exchanged, when Lucas was caught with a left hook to the jaw. He went down against the ropes, was up after around three seconds, but Sibson gave him no respite.

A left hook and right cross put Lucas down for the second time, and when he rose at seven a further onslaught decked him for the third time. He got up, but looked exhausted, and the referee immediately intervened.

This caused an "invasion" by Sibson's supporters, and the stewards had a difficult job restraining them.

It doesn't seem possible that the last time Tony boxed at the Albert Hall, six months earlier, he was outpointed by Eddie Smith in a preliminary bout. And when Tony decided to put the gloves on for the first time as an amateur, he lost *seven* bouts in a row.

That's the fight came for you.

British light middleweight champion Jimmy Batten beat Dave Proud, who was retired by his corner advisers at the end of the sixth round when his left eye was cut and badly swollen. Both were inside 156 in this non-title affair.

The cut occurred in the opening session, on a mark that was already there when he entered the ring, and the injury worsened as the fight progressed.

This apart, Batten gave a sound performance, jabbing quickly and accurately, and although Proud tried everything he knew to take the champ out of his stride, Jimmy stayed in command.

The longer the bout went, the worse the injury became, and there was no option at the end of the sixth but to retire.

Gary Davidson, Bermondsey, outpointed Tony Kerr, Aberdeen, 119½, over eight by 79½-78. There was a lot of booing when the scoreline was announced.

Davidson's nose started to bleed in the fourth, and it continued to do so. He did a lot of forcing against an opponent who boxed well, jabbing accurately to the face, and, altogether, giving a good account of himself.

The fans obviously thought Kerr's display deserved a better fate. The referee thought otherwise.

Southern Area featherweight champion Jimmy Flint beat American Wardell Williams, 124¾, the bout being stopped in round three after Williams had been decked by a left hook and lay motionless on the canvas.

The referee immediately stopped the bout and called the doctor to attend to the American, who was still shaky after a few minutes, but otherwise O.K.

Williams started in promising style, but was soon caught with a right hand that had him hanging on, whereupon Flint scored with another right, and then a final left hook on an open target. It was Jimmy's seventeenth victory in eighteen starts, with one defeat.

Trevor Cattouse, Balham, 173, outscored Steve Lewin, Streatham, 169, over six by the narrow margin of 59½–59. Cattouse was down in the opening session, but recovered well, and Lewin was a weary man at the close.

Austin Owens, Reading, 126½, gained his fifth successive victory by knocking out Kenny Matthews, West Ham, 129, in round three after decking him three times.

Salvo Nuciforo, Falmouth, 155, survived a knockdown in the second round and a great deal of punishment, coming right back to stop Mick Mills, 152¾, in round five.

The referee intervened with Mills exhausted and touching the canvas after a barrage from Nuciforo.

This was what the Americans would term a pier-six brawl, and the fans loved it, tossing in nobbins afterwards in appreciation.

National Sporting Club, London–George Metcalf, Liverpool, 136½, beat Ceri latter had been decked. Both were cut around their left eyes.

Gary Cooper, Lymington, 148½, also won inside the distance, beating Ian Cole, Brighton, 148. The referee intervened in the fifth round after Cole had been down. Cooper thus kept his unbeaten record.

George Danahar, Bethnal Green, 164, beat Joe Jackson, Leicester, 165, who retired in the third round, stating that he could not see out of his right eye.

Debutant Julian Balstead, 137, showed up well in outscoring Wally Stocks, Isleworth, 133½, over four by 40-38½, not losing a round.

Kettering–Johnny Elliott, Bournemouth, 149½, outpointed Roy Commosioung, Luton, 148, over eight by 79½-77½. Southpaw Elliott jabbed accurately, but Roy was aggressive throughout, and many thought the scoreline flattered Johnny.

Debutant Glenn Adair, Barnstaple, 183, outpointed Colin Flute, Tipton, over six by 60-57½, not losing a round. Adair was British amateur heavyweight champion in 1977, and considering he was conceding twenty-three pounds in weight, can be well satisfied with his first fight.

Manny Gabriel, Kettering, 177, kayoed Rocky Burton, Bedwirth, 178, in the opening round with a right hand that landed on the nose. When they met four months earlier, Gabriel won on points.

Dave Allen, Sheffield, 148, drew with Tommy Thomas, Tottenham, 146, over six. Many thought Allen unlucky not to get the verdict.

Cunard International Hotel, London–Former British champion Joey Singleton, Kirkby, 145½, gave his usual competent display of boxing to easily outpoint Carl Bailey, Manchester, 146½, over eight by 80-76.

Singleton proved he could be a force to be reckoned with now that he has moved into the welters, winning every round. Yet Bailey deserves every credit for taking the fight to his opponent and never giving up. He just could not cope with Joey's speed of foot and punch.

Kenny Matthews, West Ham, 130, outscored Selvin Bell, Manchester, 130, over six by 59-58. Bell rallied strongly in the last couple of rounds, but just failed to overcome Matthews' early lead.

Ron McLean, Shepherds Bush, 226, beat Kenny March, Norwood, 198½, the referee intervening in the opening session after March had been decked three times. It was Kenny's pro debut.

Evesham Sporting Club–Eddie Fenton, 177, outpointed former British light heavyweight champion Tim Wood, 176, over eight by 78½-77½. Both come from Leicester. Fenton's body punching turned the scales, and he thus avenged two previous points defeats.

Roy Skeldon, Tipton, 186, outscored Ron Green, Stoke, 175, over four by 39½–38½. Green was down briefly in round two.

Carl Mullings, Birmingham, 129, drew with John Henry, Leicester, 130, over four. When they met before, the result was the same.

20th Century Sporting Club, Southend–Herol Graham, 155, kept his unbeaten record by outpointing George Walker, Brentwood, 157, over eight by 80-76½, not losing a round. Southpaw Graham counterpunched to good effect, and Walker's persistent aggression was all to no avail.

Lawrence Williams, Manchester, 135, comfortably outscored Charlie Brown, Wales, 136, by 79½-78 over eight. No doubt as to the winner, but full marks to Brown for trying to land his hard punches. Williams could never afford to relax.

John Cooper, Witcham, 125½, outpointed Steve Cleak, Porth-

cawl, 123, over eight by 78½-78. Little in it at any stage.

Danny Miller, Manchester, 182½, outscored debutant Sam Adair, Cornwall, 184, over eight, by 79-78 h. Miller's greater experience saw him through after Adair had opened strongly.

Anglo-American Sporting Club, Manchester–Billy Hill, Blackpool, 164, outscored Peter Tidgwell, 170, over eight by 79-78½. Tidhwell impressed in the early rounds, keeping the pressure on his opponent, but Hill boxed coolly and took command in the latter half.

Tony Carroll, Liverpool, 140, easily outpointed substitute Kevin Quinn, Manchester, 139, over eight by 79½-78. Quinn could never quite cope with his opponent's accurate left lead.

Joe Hannaford, Liverpool, 165½, beat Joey Saunders, 160, the bout being stopped in round four after Saunders had been down four times.

Lee Hartshorn, 153, coasted to a six-round points verdict over Tony Hague, Leicester, 154, scoreline 59½-58½.

Arden Sporting Club, Birmingham–SUPPORTS TO LAING vs. RHINEY: Nigel Thomas, Swansea, 142, outscored Joe Mills, Tottenham, 141½, by 59½-58½ over six. A cracking contest, and ringsiders threw in nobbins amounting to £102, which shows how much they appreciated the action. Thomas left eye was swollen before he entered the ring, and from round one, his nose bled. Mills met him punch for punch, and they kept it up from the first bell until the last.

Debutant Martin McGough, Coventry, 138¼, started in promising style by outpointing Terry Welch, Liverpool, 138, over six by 59-57½. The latter was cut by the left eye in the second round, but did not appear to be handicapped.

Tony Bennett, Liverpool, 172, outpointed Steve Babbs, Swansea, 173, over four by 39½-39. Plenty of hard punches exchanged, and a close one.

Anglo-American Sporting Club, London–SUPPORTS TO CONTEH vs. BURNETT: Sylvester Mittee, Bethnal Green, 141¼, impressed in beating Chris Davies, Cardiff, 140¼ in round two, the referee not boethering to start a count after Davies went down for the third time.

Keith Bussey, Camberwell, 170, outscored Mick Morris, Wolverhampton, 166, over eight by 80-77, not losing a round. Bussey was out by the right eye in the sixth.

Steve Briers, Falmouth, 133¾, outpointed Tommy Burling, Manor Park, over four by 40-39, not losing a round.

Club Double Diamond, Caerphilly–Welshman Colin Jones, 147½, kayoed American Sam Hailstock, 143½, in round four after decking him twice previously. A left to the body was the deciding punch.

In the final of promoter Eddie Thomas heavyweight competition, David Pearce, Newport, 194, kept his unbeaten record by outpointing Winston Allen, Swansea, 204, over six. Allen was decked in the fourth with a right hand that also cut him below the left eye, but he rose before a count could be started.

Vernon Penprase, Plymouth, outscored Lee Graham, Brixton, over eight by 79½-78. A good contest, and not everyone agreed with the verdict.

Gary Pearce, Newport, 142½, outscored Alan Burrows, Cardiff, 141, over six by 79½-78½. It was the latter's first defeat.

Norwood Rooms, Norwich–Promoter Danny Peacock put on a successful dinner/boxing show, with nobbins being thrown in after the main event, in which Boyd Farrer, Hayes, 167, outpointed Clint Jones, 171, by 80-76½ over eight.

These two tried hard to punch the daylights out of each other, and Jones ended up with a broken jaw. This occurred in the third, but he insisted on carrying on with the fight, in spite of pleadings from his corner.

Lloyd James, 171, kayoed Davey Mullings, Tottenham, 175, in round six. Mullings was down in the second, but fought back in determined fashion, and it was James' turn to look in trouble. Then Lloyd set up a two-handed attack in the sixth, culminating in the knockout.

Debutant Robert Hepburn, Norwich, 119, outscored John Henry, Leicester, 123, over four by 39½-38½ Hepburn did the boxing, Henry provided the aggression, and it was as close as the scoreline suggests.

Tony Pearce, Camberwell, 169, made a successful debut by outpointing Wally Pearce, 168, over four by 40-38½.

Liverpool Stadium–Former welter champion Pat Thoma,s 151½, gave an impressive display against Robbie Davies, Liverpool, 154, in their final eliminator for the British light middleweight title. The points verdict was 118-117 after twelve rounds, yet Davies was down four times in the final round and such was Thomas' superiority that even the capacity crowd of mainly Davies supporters booed the announcement of the scoreline.

Rarely has Thomas looked so confident, and given such a fine performance. To go into the lion's den, so to speak, and outclass the local favorite, was a considerable feat.

It was also revealed afterwards that Thomas had a pain-killing injection in his left elbow before the contest, and that towards the end he was in pain and obviously handicapped.

Thomas left jab had never been more accurate. It landed on Davies' face with monotonous regularity as the later came forward, but, to the latter's credit, he never gave up trying to battle his way through his opponent's defenses.

At the half-way mark, Davies had a mark on his right cheek and bled from the nose, and by the ninth had cuts around both eyes. Realizing that he had to try and establish some authority, he, in the tenth, threw a lot of right hands, most of which Thomas was able to block.

In the eleventh, it was Thomas' turn to get on to the attack, and Robbie was slower as a result of his efforts in the previous round.

Thomas was quickly in action at the start of the twelfth. Four times he put Davies on the canvas. There were shouts of "Stop it, ref," but the fight continued until the final bell.

The verdict was a formality. The scoreline was closer than many expected, but there could be no doubting Thomas' right to have qualified to meet champion Jimmy Batten for the British title.

Dennis Andries, Hackney, 174, seemed quite a way behind when he caught Francis Hand, Liverpool, 174¾, with a right hand at the end of the sixth round, and this paved the way for an eighth-round victory.

With just forty seconds of the fight remaining, the referee intervened after Hand had been down three times, and was cut by the right eye and bleeding from the nose.

Dave Davies, Bangor, 158, avenged a previous defeat by outpointing Richard Kenyon, Halifax, 160¼, over eight by 79½-78.

Robbie Robinson, Liverpool, 138, comfortably outpointed Tommy Wright, Doncaster, 135¾, over eight by 80-77, not losing a round.

Paul Kerr, Bradford, 120, outpointed Joey Spring, Liverpool, 116½, by 59-58½ over six in a real close one.

Redmond Everard, Widnes, 162, outscored Alan Worthington, Liverpool, 168, over six by 59½-58½.

Kelvin Hall, Glasgow–SUPPORTS TO WATT vs. PITALUA: Dave McCabe, Gartcosh, 138, outpointed veteran Bingo Crooks, Wolverhampton, 133, over eight by 80-77, not losing a round. Southpaw McCabe thus extended his winning run to seventeen, and his body punching was particularly impressive.

Willie Booth, who holds Scottish titles at two weights, 137, outpointed substitute Sylvester Gordon, Peckham, 141, over eight by 79-78. Both showed aggression, and Gordon gave Booth some anxious moments with his right hand punching.

Substitute Najib Daho, 133, clearly outscored Scottish featherweight champion Gerry Duffy, 132, over eight by 79½-77½. Daho gave a skilful display, and Duffy was marked by both eyes.

Hugh Smith, Chapelhall, 144, repeated a previous win by outpointing Kevin Quinn, Manchester, 144, over eight.

Terry McKeown, Barrhead, 128, gained an eight-round points win over Alec Irvine, Leicester, 128, by 80-76½, not losing a round. Good to see former bantam star Billy Rafferty as a triallist referee, with Harry Gibbs scoring from outside the ring.

Derek Nelson, Sunderland, beat Liam Linnen, Coatbridge, in a light welter bout, the referee intervening in the fifth with Linnen helpless against the ropes after being down. This confirmed a previous victory.

Ulster Hall, Belfast–Irish bantam champ Davy Larmour, 117, beat Larry Richards, Leicester, 123½, who retired at the end of the fifth with an eye injury.

Richards was decked at the end of the opening session.

Neil McLaughlin, Derry, 114½, kayoed Pip Coleman, Swansea, 114, in round six with a right to the head. Not a lot of positive action up to then.

Hugh Kelly, Irish welter, outscored Frank McCord, Swansea, 146½, over eight by 80-78, not losing a round. McCord impressed early on, but was warned in each round for "misuse of the head." Last round was a hectic affair, both through the ropes, McCord just getting back in time to beat the count.

Aggressive Ray Heaney, Lurgan, outscored Dai Davies, Swansea, over eight by 79½-78½. Some disagreed with the verdict, or maybe just the scoreline.

Great International Sporting Club, Nottingham–Dave Needham, 126½, outpointed George Sutton, Cardiff, 126½, over eight by 79½-78½. This was a warm-up bout for Needham in preparation for a defense of his British featherweight title, and Sutton certainly gave him a hard fight.

Many thought the two-rounds margin awarded to Needham was too much, but probably Needham's greatest relief was that he did not suffer any cuts to his eyes, which he has been susceptible to in the past.

George Laxen, London, 129, outscored Gerry Howland, Portsmouth, 129¼, by 60-57 over six, not losing a round.

Dave Allen, Sheffield, 142½, beat Dai Davies, Swansea, 141, the bout being stopped in the fourth when Davies was cut by the right eye.

Shaun Stewart, Barnsley, 140, drew with Johnny Beauchamp, Portsmouth, 143, over six uninteresting rounds.

Wolverhampton Sporting Club–Paul Chance, Wednesbury, comfortably outpointed Najib Daho, Manchester, over eight by 80-76½, not losing a round. Chance kept his jab working accurately throughout, adding hooks and uppercuts when the opportunities arose.

Paul Shutt, Leicester, 159, beat Clifton Wallace, Birmingham, 156, making a remarkable recovery after being decked three times in the third. Coming out for the fourth, he landed a barrage of right hands that had Wallace in trouble and the bout was stopped in Shutt's favor.

Mickey Baker, Gloucester, 133, beat Selvin Bell, Manchester, 131, who retired at the end of the third after he had been down four times and had injured his left arm.

Lee Hartshorn, Manchester, 144, outscored Gary Newell, Wolverhampton, 144, over six by 60-58, not losing a round.

Roy Skeldon, Tipton, 178, avenged a previous defeat by outpointing Colin Flute, Tipton, 202, over four by 40-38, not losing a round.

National Sporting Club, London–British and Commonwealth bantam champ Johnny Owen, 120, outpointed Lee Graham, Finchley, 124½, over eight by 79-77 in a non-title affair.

It was regarded as a warm-up for Owen, and this was exactly how it turned out. Graham may not have possessed as much ability as the champ, but he was aggressive throughout, occasionally caught his man with some damaging punches, and in the fourth appeared to shake him momentarily with a left and following right.

After that, Owen took the honors, with Graham trying hard until the end.

An excellent contest, reflecting credit on both men.

Glyn Davies, Llanelli, 122½, confirmed a previous victory by outscoring John Cooper, Mitcham, 126½, by the narrow margin of 78½-78.

Southpaw Davies survived a last-round knockdown and a cut by the right eye. His southpaw jab had been enough to see him home.

Unusual to have nobbins thrown in after the first bout on the bill, but it happened when Pat Smythe, Gainsborough, 148, again outpointed Tommy Thomas, Tottenham, 147, this one being over eight, scoreline 79-77½.

Plenty of incident, with a swelling on Thomas' left cheek, Smythe bleeding from the nose, and fighting after the bell at the end of the fifth.

Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club, Bradford–Martin Bridge, Bradford, 138, who was born in Jamaica, won the Central Area light welterweight title by outpointing Dave Taylor, Liverpool, 139, over ten by the narrow margin of 98-97½.

By a coincidence, the title was left vacant by his stablemate, Chris Walker.

Although Bridge already held a victory over Taylor, this one was real close, and they banged away at each throughout. Taylor tired appreciably towards the end.

Peter Tidgewell, Bradford, 171, outpointed Mick Dolan, Manchester, 168, over eight by 79½-77½. Dolan hadn't boxed for two years, and put up a fine show considering this handicap. Aggressive southpaw Tidgewell deserved the verdict, and the fans tossed in nobbins.

Lee Hartshorn, Manchester, 149, kayoed Carl North, Leicester, 150, in round three after being decked himself in the opening session.

Hamilton Club, Birkenhead–Les McAteer, Birkenhead, 163¾, one of a famous fighting family, got the urge to return to the ring after six years' absence. His first comeback but was a draw, but he made no mistake on this occasion, outpointing Mick Morris, Wolverhampton, 164, over eight by 80-77½.

COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
John L. Gardner (E)
1. Trevor Berbick (C)
2. Les Stevens (E)
3. Paul Sykes (E)
4. Ngozika Ekwelum (N)
5. Billy Aird (E)
6. George Chuvalo (C)
7. Tony Moore (E)
8. Steve Aczel (A)
9. Denton Ruddock (E)
10. Tommy Kiely (E)

LIGHTHEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Lotte Mwale (Z)
1. John Conteh (E)
2. Mustapha Wassaja (U)
3. Gary Summerhays (C)
4. Tony Mundine (A)
5. David Conteh (E)
6. Bunny Johnson (E)
7. Ernie Barr (B)
8. Rab Affleck (S)
9. Victor Attivor (G)
10. Al Gattling (A)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Ayub Kaluke (U)
1. Alan Minter (E)
2. Tony Sibson (E)
3. Kevin Finnegan (E)
4. Frankie Lucas (E)
5. Monty Betham (NZ)
6. Eddie Melo (C)
7. Wally Carr (A)
8. Bunny Sterling (E)
9. Fernand Marcotte (C)
10. Al Korovou (A)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Championship Vacant
1. Maurice Hope (An)
2. Rocky Mattioli (A)
3. Jimmy Batten (E)
4. Elisha Obed (B)
5. Dave Proud (E)
6. Kenny Bristol (Gu)
7. Pat Thomas (St. Kitts)
8. Robbie Davies (E)
9. Larry Paul (E)
10. Mark Barnett (A)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Clyde Gray (C)
1. Dave Green (E)
2. Hector Thompson (A)
3. Chris Clarke (C)
4. Kirkland Laing (E)
5. Sakarai Ve (Fi)
6. Eddie Marcel (Tr)
7. John H. Stracey (E)
8. Vernon Lewis (Gu)
9. Henry Rhiney (E)
10. Fighting Hucks (St. Kitts)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Hogan Jimoh (N)
1. Jim Watt (S)
2. Charlie Nash (I)
3. Claude Noel (Tr)
4. Ralph Racine (C)
5. Lennox Blackmore (Gu)
6. Barry Michael (A)
7. Johnny Claydon (E)
8. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (U)
9. Gaeton Hart (C)
10. Billy Moeller (A)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Johnny Owen (W)
1. Paul Ferreri (A)
2. Sulley Shittu (G)
3. Dave Smith (E)
4. Gary Davidson (E)
5. Charlie Brown (A)
6. John Feeney (E)
7. Jim Bowen (A)
8. Charlie Parvin (S)
9. Patrick Burns (A)
10. George Sutton (W)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Obisia Nwankpa (N)
1. Jeff Malcolm (A)
2. Lachie Austin (A)
3. Colin Powers (E)
4. Clinton McKenzie (J)
5. Des Morrison (J)
6. Frank Ropis (A)
7. Josef Nsgbuga (U)
8. Al Ford (C)
9. Nick Furlano (C)
10. Andy Broome (A)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Eddie Ndukwu (N)
1. Dave Needham (E)
2. Pat Cowdell (E)
3. Les Pickett (W)
4. Patrick Forde (Gu)
5. Jimmy Flint (E)
6. Brian Roberts (A)
7. Nick Lo Bianco (A)
8. Roger Henry (A)
9. Gerry Duffy (S)
10. Lindsay Roberts (A)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Patrick Mambwe (Z)
1. Charlie Magri (E)
2. Steve Bell (A)
3. Pedro Solo (A)
4. Ray Amoo (N)
5. Roger Richens (A)
6. Neil McLaughlin (I)
7. Garry Rice (A)
8. Bryn Griffiths (W)
9. Junior Thompson (A)
10. Sharkey Hughes (A)

John Aba (Papua) is the junior lightweight champion. Contenders are David Koety (G), Kazeem Armah (N), Mike Drayton (Tr), and Larry Velesini (A).

MINNESOTA AREA NEWS

By GEORGE D. BLAIR

ST. PAUL–Promoter John Connolly's latest offering at the Shamrock Lounge was beset with problems. Headliner Pete Holm pulled out because of an illness that will sideline him for a couple of months, then John Shavers of Chicago cancelled out the day of the card.

So, before a handful of customers, Bruce "Mouse" Strauss of Omaha (11-4-0) punched out a five-round decision over Larry Puchta of Minneapolis (0-6-0) in a good action middleweight scrap. Bob coodlidge, Minneapolis middleweight, made his pro debut by taking a four round decision over Winnipeg's Terry Jesmer (2-8-0). Two four-round exhibitions filled out the show. Doug Demmings boxed Wayne Caplette, and Rich Folstad sparred with St. Paul's Russ Newton.

WAUKESHA, WISC.–Menomonee lightweight Tom Tarantino pounded out a close, but unanimous, ten-round decision over James Blevins of Chicago. The verdict was not well received by the 794 fans, who paid a gate of $5,730.

Carl Crowley, welterweight from Tipton, Iowa lost his first fight when he was knocked out by Chicao Ortiz of Liberty, Ind., in the fourth round.

AL SINGER

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with Jimmy McLarning. He really believed he could beat the Vancouver Irishman, who had been making himself quite a reputation knocking out Jewish fighters. Jackie Fields, Louis Kid Kaplan, Sid Terris, Joe Glick, and Ruby Goldstein all had fallen before his potent fists.

Two months after winning the lightweight title, Singer stepped into the same ring to do battle with McLarnin. His title was not at stake, as Jimmy was a full fledged welterweight. On September 11, before thirty thousand screaming fans, Singer proceeded to outbox and outpunch Jimmy in the first two rounds. He dropped the startled Irishman in the opening round.

Becoming overconfident, Al stopped boxing and swapped punches with McLarnin in the third round. Jimmy's famous right hand found its mark and Singer fell as if shot. When the count reached seven and Al hadn't moved, Jimmy did his famous handspring. Suddenly Singer jumped up at the count of nine, much to everyone's astonishment, but the final result was the same. A right and a left hook and the fight was over. The time was two minutes and twenty seconds of the third round.

Instead of taking a much needed rest, Singer was back in training. After one tuneup bout he was matched to defend his newly-won title against Tony Canzoneri. The date was Nov. 14, only two months after his disastrous defeat by McLarnin. The place was Madison Square Garden.

At the bell, Al came out jabbing and in their first exchange Canzoneri threw a perfectly timed left hook to Al's jaw and the fight was over! Thus in the matter of two minutes and fifty two seconds, Singer won and lost the lightweight championship of the World.

Singer continued to fight the following year, winning all of his fights until on Dec. 11, 1931, featherweight champion, Bat Battalino knocked him out in two rounds and put a finish to his fast and furious career. Singer announced his retirement from the ring.

Few fighters in the lighter classes had as many lucrative paydays as had Singer. Remember, taxes were low and a dollar had five times today's value. It was estimated that he earned a cool half million during his short career. But bad investments, a marriage that didn't jell, and some wild living, and in a short time Al was broke.

In his last year of fighting in 1931, Singer had a falling out with Hymie Caplan and it all came to a head one afternoon at the Garden office. Al threw a few punches at his manager and, as a result, Caplan sold his contract to Leon See, the Frenchman who was responsible for bringing Primo Carnera to the United States. Four years after retiring, Singer made a comeback, in 1935. After winning four fights, he hung up the gloves for good.

In 1942, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and was stationed at Camp Upton, N.Y., where he boxed many exhibitions for the soldiers. He was given a medical discharge due to his troubled eyesight, giving those who were close to him an inkling to the true reason for his erratic career.

On April 20, 1961 everything came to a halt in the life of the still handsome Al Singer. Following an argument with a rowdy group in a neighborhood bar, Al was fatally injured in the scuffle that followed. Thus ended the saga of Al Singer, who reigned as lightweight king in a meteoric career. He went out the way he came in—like a flash. He was but fifty-two years of age.

FELT FORUM

By HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.–Olympic Gold Medal winner Howard Davis, Jr. headlined the second Felt Forum show of the month.

Davis, 134½, knocked out Italian lightweight champion Giancarlo Usai, 132½, with a right hand to the chin in 0:28 of the third in a scheduled ten. The less said about this fight, the better.

In the eight-round co-feature, former Spanish Gloves champion David Capo, 120, won a split decision over another Olympic Gold Medal winner, Leo Randolph, 121 3/4. Referee Herb Kronowitz scored it 5-3, Capo, as did Eva Shain, one of the judges. The other judge, Artie Aidala, had it 6-2, Randolph. It was Leo's first loss as a pro; he's 8-1. Capo was making only his second start in the pro ranks. He'd lost a close eight-round decision to Juan Laporte in the Forum on December 15, 1978.

In six-rounders: Eric Winbush, 176, New York, won a squeaker over Willie Stallings, 170, New York. Derrik Holmes, 123 3/4, Washington, D.C., looked good in beating Juan Marquez, 123, New York. Holmes won every round except the fourth.

Four-round bouts: Duane Thomas, 143½, Paterson, N.J., won decision over Ken Fusco, 144, New York, N.Y. Ron Cecchetti, 172, New York, outpointed wild swining Ralph Cuomo, 181, New York. Pete Padilla, 136, New York, beat David Vega, 137, New York. In the opener, Dan Long, 156½, South Boston, Mass., TKO'd Hugo Fuat, 154, New York, at 1:46 of the second.

Paid attendance was 2,288. The gross receipts amounted to $21,964.85.

NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.–Tony Danza, 166, Malverne, New York, kayoed Max "Sonny" Hord, 157½, Fernandina Beach, Florida, with a right hand in 2:00 of the first round. Arthur Mercante was the referee.

Hord, who looked even more inept than usual, suffered his eighth loss against thirteen victories. It was Danza's seventh win, all by kayoes, against three losses. The bout was scheduled for eight.

In another eight-rounder, Juan Laporte, 128½, Brooklyn, made himself the "Fighter of the Night" by dropping Lazaro Fabian 126½, Bronx, twice before referee Joe Santarpia halted matters at 2:44 of the first. Right hands did the trick.

Victor Mangual, 141½, won a unanimous decision over fellow New Yorker Jose Chico Rosa, 140, eight. In still another eight-rounder, Luis Guzman, 179, New York, won a unanimous decision over Frankie White, 181½, Hempstead, Long Island, N.Y. This was a war, with first one man and then the other having the advantage. White worked Guzman over to the body on the ropes on several occasions, and, despite the unanimity of the official verdict, it was close. Both men were undefeated prior to the contest.

Two six-rounders: Jose Nieto, 129, New York, knocked Roy Taylor, 127, New York, down twice in the second and scored a TKO when Taylor was unable to continue after the round. (Roy had been kayoed in the first by Hugo Rengifo in his last appearance.) Norberto Sabater, 158, New York, won a lopsided unanimous decision over Gregory Duran, 161½, Newark.

Four-round bouts: Barry Funches, 194½, New York, made his pro debut by knocking out "Big" Mike Adams, 233, New York, with a right hand in 0:31 of the second. Scott Lukachek, 217½, Stamford, Conn., was banged and bloodied in the first round by Rubio Rodriguez, 191½, Brooklyn, but floored Rubio twice in the next session, the second time for the full count. Santos Cruz, 128½, New York, knocked out Benjamin Fuentes, 129½, New York, in 1:11 of the first. Fuentes made it to his feet before ten, but referee Luis Rivera saw that he was in no condition to continue. He counted Benny out on his feet.

NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.–Davey Vasquez, 120½, showed his fans the meaning of a "fighting heart" as he came storming back in the late rounds to win a close decision over favored Jose Pena, 123, in ten.

Pena almost had Vasquez out of it in the early rounds, but Davey turned the fight around completely in the ninth when he staggered Jose with a left and pounded him against the ropes. Vasquez almost kayoed Pena in the last round, hitting him with every punch that he had strength enough to throw. Finally, just prior to the last bell, Pena was sent to the canvas.

The decision was unanimous. Referee Herb Kronowitz had it even in rounds, 5-5, but gave it to Vasquez on points, 6-5, on the basis of a two-point edge in the tenth. The judges, Tony Castellano and John Mascio, scored it 5-4-1 and 6-5, respectively.

In the ten-round co-feature, Teodoro Ozuna, 135½, snapped the unbeaten streak of young Arcadio "Pee Wee" Suarez by winning a unanimous decision. Pee Wee got off to a good start in the first two rounds, but folded after that, completely running out of steam. Ozuna almost knocked him out in the fourth round, and, in the eighth, a right hand set Suarez up beautifully. More lefts and rights took him apart and almost out throughout the round.

Pee Wee came out swinging in the ninth, but it was just too late. Ozuna was still confident and cool in the tenth round and won going away. Referee Kronowtiz had it 8-1-1 while judges Mascio and Catellano had it 7-2-1 and 7-3, respectively.

There were no knockouts on the card, and all the bouts resulted in unanimous decisions. Julio Garcia, 147, won an eight-rounded from Eddie Campbell, 144; Louis Hubela, 136, outpointed Benito Jimenez, 135, six; Pete Padilla, 142, outpointed Manny Sims, 143, four; Manuel Delariosa, 135, outscored Max Luciano, 132½, four.

JERSEY JABS

By ART MAXIM

TOTOWA–Ice World–Nino Gonzalez of Bayonne claimed the vacant New Jersey welterweight championship by scoring a TKO over Joe Grier of Paterson at 2:33 into the fifth round of a scheduled twelve. Usually a slow starter, Gonzalez came out on the attack from the start and hurt the thirty-year-old Grier in the first round with a stiff left that sent him through the ropes.

Lefts continued to do damage in the third, and in the fifth a steady barrage 0f punches had Grier helpless on the ropes. The official scoring at the time of the TKO was 5-0 for Gonzalez on the cards of referee Paul Venti and judge Charlie Spina. Judge Paul Cavalier had it 4-1 for Nino.

Conrad Tooker of Kearny was a victim of New York heavyweight Mike Tarasewich in the semifinal. Tooker's manager, Lou Duva, called a halt to the contest at forty-five seconds into the seventh of the scheduled ten-rounder when "he started to get hit without defending himself."

Rocky Lockridge, the unbeaten bantamweight, looked impressive in hammering out a TKO over Mel Boynton at 2:09 of the second in a sixer. Dave Bird worked hard for a light heavyweight decision over Frank Crossan, and in another bantamweight contest, Fernando Martinez scored a fourth-round TKO over Charles Brown.

Billes as an elimination contest for a shot at Frank Scott's New Jersey heavyweight crown, Bill Connel of Atlantic Highlands gained the verdict over Pedro Agosta in an eight-rounder. Most of the near capacity house thought Agosta had the edge.

Promoter Dan Duva hopes to schedule Gonzalez with Atlantic City's Ray (Poppy) Davis in his first defense of the New Jersey welterweight crown.

NORTH BERGEN–Embassy Hall–Jersey City light heavy Sal San Filippio ran his string of unbeaten fights to twelve when he scored a sixth-round knockout of Tom Healy (7-6). In the co-feature, Bayonne's exciting middleweight Mustafa Hamsho brought his record to 24-1-1 with a TKO over Domingo Ortiz.

San Filippio impressed the crowd with his boxing skills and was the aggressor thoughout. He controlled the fight except for a brief moment in the fourth round when Healy landed a right on Sal's chin and he took an eight count. He regained his composure and stayed on top of the Bostonian until he brought him down with a right hand at 1:35 of the sixth.

Hamsho pounded Ortiz, a last-minute fill in for an earlier sub, until referee Vin Rainone halted the fight at 2:55 of the seventh. Scheduled for eight rounds, the fight saw Mustafa completely in command throughout. "He gets better every time he fights," noted Paddy Flood, Hamsho's advisor, who hopes to have him on a Madison Square Garden program in the near future.

In other bouts, Hoboken's Benito Jimenez (10-4) gave Eddy Arthur of South Africa a savage body attack before scoring a TKO at 1:33 in the second of a scheduled six. Lightweight Dan Daniels of Newark (25-7) claimed a unanimous decision over Nutley's Bobby Mann in a six and Tony Madara posted a TKO over Jose Martinez at fifty-one seconds of the second in another six-rounder.

The crowd of about seven-hundred was dissapointed that West New York light heavyweight Ramon Ranquello had to cancel out due to the flu, but he didn't want to take any chances, what with a bout with Mike Rossman in the works. Promoter Al Certo was happy with the gathering that came out on a rainy night.

NEWARK–Robert Treat Hotel–Promoter Murad Muhammad termed his debut of big-time boxing in the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark, New Jersey a definite success. "It's the first step toward bringing boxing back to the state's largest city," said Murad.

In the headliner Rusty Rosenberger, Paterson, stripped Reggie Jones of his state middleweight championship. Rosenberger won a split decision over the Newark fighter in a match that saw the two fighters bang away from bell to bell throughout the twelve rounds.

Rosenberger, twenty-two, formerly from Warren, Ohio, had the edge in the late rounds and gained the decision of judges Harold Lederman (9-3) and Phil Newman (8-3-1). Referee Tony Perez scored the fight a 5-5-2 draw. Jones was in control in the early going and had Rusty in trouble in the fourth round.

Rosenberger came on strong after sluggish sixth and seventh roknds, and the eighth provided the most action of the bout. Both fighters landed solid punches. From the ninth on the newly crowned champ was more aggresive and Jones showed signs of being tired.

Rusty Rosenberger remained undeafeated in fourteen fights. Jones, a former 1972 Olympic silver medalist, had his record slip to 20-5-1. The contract called for a rematch in ninety days, and it should be a sellout.

In the stellar attraction, Randy Cobb of Philadelphia scored right knockdowns over Jesse Crown of Maine before the heavyweight fight was stopped at 1:02 of the second.

Heavyweight Johnny Warr of New York decisioned Newark's Joe Alexander, while lightweight Rocky Lockridge of Paterson stopped Mike Maldanado of Lowell, Mass., at thirty-five seconds of the second round.

In earlier bouts, middleweight Dan Staehle of Middletown scored a third round TKO over Trenton's Andrew Coe, and East Orange lightweight Kelvin Lewis gained a split decision over Brooklyn's Melcides Jimminez.

CARIBBEAN ACTION

By MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

TRUJILLO ALTO, PUERTO RICO–Coliseum–Despite a noisy cheering section that came in all the way from the town of Juncos to see their local favorite Georgie Mojica, in action, Manuel "Yuca" Jimenez scored an easy five-round TKO victory over his fellow countryman.

Jimenez, who is gunning for a junior welter title match against Antonio Cervantes, was too strong for his less experienced opponent. Although no knockdowns were scored, a badly cut left eye was the reason for the halt.

ST. THOMAS, VIRGIN ISLANDS–Lionel Roberts Stadium–Jr. Middle Eddie Marcelle of Trinidad scored a convincing win over Sugar Ray Hammond of New York in ten rounds.

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NICK CORBY: HE LOVES BOXING

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viledged. A true sprtsman, Nick organized a program to combat juvenile delinquency in Puerto Rico and through this program sponsored baseball, basketball teams, amateur boxing. One of his teams was the Santa Isabel Club of the Puerto Rican AA League. His ace pitcher, Emiliano Rivera, was signed by the San Francisco Giants.

Corby also sponsored the Actors and Technicians softball team WKAQ-TV ch. 2, with whom he travels all over, including the Dominican Republic to bring joy to the Hospicio San Vicente de Pwul, in Santiago, a home for the elderly and poor.

Every August prior to the start of the school year, youngsters of both sexes came to Nick's office requesting tuition fees for the university or colleges. Nick was never one to let any kid leave his office without a check to pay their tuition. As Nick puts it; "When you have a seven and eight figure income it is only right before God to help those that are in dire need of help."

This man who loves boxing has been successful as an aerospace precision machinist, manager-trainer, supervisor, business man, sports and theatrical agent, promoter, motivating bi-lingual lecturer and executive.

Nick and Irma, his wife, are blessed with four lovely grand-children.

For 1979 Nick has his boxing program all mapped out with Helmut Slomke of West Germany and Baron Von Stumme, whereas Mexican and American fighters will be booked throughout Europe, and European boxer's will be coming to the States and other parts of the American and Asian Continents. He is now busy preparing his fighters for a busy campaign that he hopes will develop a championship contender, and with his sights on Gaspar Ortega as trainer and member of the Corby Boxing Enterprises, if Ortega can get away from his youth programs in New Haven, Connecticut.

WORLD RATINGS

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LIGHTWEIGHTS Lira, winner over Tarantino, goes from four to three. Julio Valdez moves from ten to five with a win over Ralph Racine. Dropping out of the ratings are Giancarlo Usa who lost his last time out, and Watkins who drew in his last outing. Replacing them are Masahira Yokai of Japan, who kayoed Fred Pastor in six, and Jorge Morales of Puerto Rico, who beat Negro Campo in ten.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS: Arturo Leon exchanges spots with Ernesto Espana. Arturo beat Ernesto Herrera.

FEATHERWEIGHTS: Eddie Ndukwu beat Bossouz Azziz and moves from eight to seven. Carrasquilla, inactive, drops from seven to eight. Koety drops out and is replaced by Japan's Royal Kobayashi, who beat Bok Soo Hwan in twelve.

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS: Soon Yun Chung's victory over Rick Quijano moves him from seventh to fifth. Baba Jiminez drops from five to seven.

BANTAMWUGHTS: Oscar Muniz's win over Catalina Flores moves him to six from seven. Sandoval's rematch victory over Eddie Logan moves him from nine to eight. Inactive Andres Hernandez drops from eight to nine.

FLYWEIGHTS: Charlie Magri's win over Franco Udella moves him from seven to six. Inactive Netrnoi Vorasingh falls one spot. Udella drops out of the top ten and is replaced by Rey Melendez of the Dominican Republic, who drew with Kim Sung-Jun in a bid for the WBC junior flyweight crown his last time out. Rey is ten and Kim moves up to nine.

A LETTER FROM RON LYLE

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diligent perserveranceand incredible sacrifice.

It is not my intention to "blow my own horn" but merely to express my humble and sincere dedication to the sport. Throughout my career, I have asked nothing more than to be respected as a man and an athlete and to be granted the same rights as any free man. Based on these assertions and my past performances in the ring, which have always provided the viewing audience with excellent entertainment, I ask that they support my bid for title fights.

Should fight fans voice their desire to see Ron Lyle fight those heavyweight contenders in the top ten necessary to achieve the world title, I promise to sweat blood and tears, to train and fight deligently toward providing the best in boxing entertainment, while fighting any top ranked proven contender placed before me in my bid for the championship.

I respect every man, but fear none, and feel that, if given the chance, which I truly believe I've earned, there isn't a fighter alive who can defeat me. My performance in the ring is a clear reflection of mind and heart and when the determination I feel in both is transfered to my fists, heaven help the man on the receiving end. What I offer to the boxing ,world is a chance for them to demand who **they** want to see, and, if I am supported by their vote of confidence, there will be a new heavyweight champion of the world.

INTERCITY GOLDEN GLOVES

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Noel was outpointed by Alex Ramos in the 160-pound open New York Gloves.

As can be seen, only some of the boxers competing were the New York or Chicago GG champions at their respective weights. One of the reasons for this is the tendency for teenaged boys (and so many of them are) to put on weight and grow. As was the case with Vincent Hudson, this can be disastrous, but who is there to tell a kid that he can't eat?

In the 165-pound division, Alex Ramos (New York winner in the 156-pound class) won a clear decision over Chicago's Ignacio Zavala. No knockdowns in this one, but the popular Ramos hit Zavala with continuous short punches and had him take a standing eight-count in the third.

The 178-pound fight saw the Loop's second victory and only knockout when Lee Roy Murphy, twenty, of Stateway Park, a recreation supervisor for the Chicago Park District, stopped the Lunar Boxing Club's Porfiro Llanes at 2:30 of the first. Llanes was given a standing eight-count by referee Eddie Urbec and was floored before the fight was halted.

Big, smooth Mitchell Green, of the United Block Association, the 1979 New York GG heavyweight open champ, used his superior height and reach to good advantage in winning a lopsided decision over William Hosea, who was the country's fourth ranked amateur prior to the contest. Hosea was never in it, but he managed to avoid being stopped and floored, not by running, but by fighting, throwing punches all the way. Green is ready for the pros, and, at twenty-two, must give some thought to the future course of his boxing career.

All in all, there was a lot of action, and some interesting fights. Jack Smith of *The New York Daily News* did another great job of organization, and all boxing fans owe him a vote of thanks. 10,378 people were in attendance, and the New York and Chicago charities will get the proceeds. As for myself, a New York boy, I'm looking forward to next year. The Loop's still leading, sixteen tournaments to thirteen, and the Big Town still has catching up to do.

JEFF CHANDLER

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the last fight you had. And you get ready for the next fight, cleaning up your mistakes and making your good points work for you."

It is no exaggeration to say that Chandler has everything going for him. Tremendous ability, a clear-headed outlook, and, equally important, connections in the right places.

It is no secret that very few boxers reach the top without the aid of a promoter. The O'Neills and the Belfiore Brothers are working in conjunction with the Spectrum director of boxing, Russell Peltz. Peltz will be importing some of the best bantamweights from around the globe this season in an effort to build Chandler into a contender. At this time, Jeff holds down a high spot in the United States rankings, but don't be surprised if he's knocking at the world champion's door in the near future.

CANADIAN RING ACTION

By FRANK ALLNUTT

TORONTO–Justice Coulter Osborne of the Ontario Supreme Court dismissed an application by George Chuvalo for the return of his Canadian Heavyweight championship. Chuvalo, who had been stripped of his title by the Canadian Professional Boxing Federation in February for failure to defend the title against Trevor Berbick in Halifax, took the matter to court, complaining that he would suffer economic loss and injury to his reputation and honor. The judge did not see it in the same manner and summed up the case by stating, "At least in Canada the applicant has continued to fight professionally at an age when most professional boxers have been compelled, by reason of the erosion of their skills caused by the ravages of time, to retire".

MONTREAL–As Eddie Mello, the new sensation now boxing out of Montreal, has cleaned up on local ptition, promoter Gerry Grundman may have been shopping around for a future date with Mello at the Montreal Forum. Headlinging his card was a co-feature pair of ten-round middleweight bouts featuring Tony Chiaverini (Kansas) against Bobby Patterson (New Jersey) and Vinnie Curto (Miami) against Tony Daniels (Orlando). Billed as the North American junior middleweight Champion. Chiaverini survived an embarrassing first round trip to the canvas when a hard right hand by Patterson found its mark. By the end of the round, Chiaverini had shaken off the effects and was getting down to business. Opening up in the third round, heavy punching by Chiaverini had Patterson down twice and a third knockdown ended the bout with Patterson taking the full count. Vinnie Curto, under his new manager, Montrealer Sol Zuckerman, had a "soft touch" in Tony Daniels, who was disposed of in the initial round. Strictly no contest. A third ten-round middleweight bout, between Bernardo Prada formerly of Columbia, now fighting out of Montreal, and Bennie Goldstone (Albany N.Y.), ended at the fifty-six second mark of the seventh round when Goldstone left the ring claiming he could not see out of his right eye. Goldstone was down for an eight-count in the fifth round when Prada was taking control of the fight.

Over four rounds, Tony Salvatore (Montreal) and Guy Boutin (Toronto) had a real slug fest going. The two threw more punches in their four rounds than the rest of the card put together. A draw was the official decision.

LOUBET PRAISES BEARD

During his recent visit to Washington, where he testified in support of a Federal Boxing Commission before the House Labor Standards Subcommittee, *The Ring* editor, Nat Loubet, praised Congressman Ed Beard for his aggressive pursuit of legislation which would improve the posture of boxing. During a whirlwind day of activities, Loubet met with several boxing luminaries and dined with Beard.

Loubet said that a Federal Boxing Commission would bring uniformity, harmony, and integrity to a sport which is presently fragmented. Congressman Beard, the Chairman of the Subcommittee, applauded Loubet's concern and years of devotion to the sport. Loubet's comments before the Committee were warmly received and will be incorporated into the official records for public discussion and deliberation as the bill moves through the formative process.

Congressman Edward P. Beard (D-R.I., 2nd District) welcomes Nat Loubet, editor of The Ring Magazine, to Washington to testify before the House Labor Standards Subcommittee in support of a Federal Boxing Commission.

FISTICUFFS IN PHILLY

By NIGEL COLLINS

PHILADELPHIA–Local bantamweight prospect Jeff Chandler tallied the best win of his unbeaten career with a unanimous 10-round decision over tough Mexican Justo Garcia at the Spectrum.

The slender sppedster from South Philly befuddled the game Garcia with slick boxing and crisp punching to win by scores of 50-41, 50-42 and 49-44. "Joltin' Jeff" scored repeatedly with his fine left jab and jarring right hand.

Garcia, 120, came into the match with a solid record of twenty-five wins in thirty fights, with twenty-four knockout victories. He switched from an orthodox to a southpaw stance numerous times in a vain effort to penetrate Chandler's defense.

In the seventh round, Garcia became the first to test Jeff's chin when he nailed the localite with a hard left hook. Chandler was stunned and Justo pinned him in a corner and cut loose with a series of combos.

"I was a little hurt, but I fought him off," said Chandler later. "He hit me with several shots, real hard shots. He was trying to take me out. Now I know I can take that stuff and still stay around to win."

Down the stretch, it was all Chandler. He put together a number of beautiful three and four-punch combinations that shook Garcia but never put him down. He was one rugged hombre.

"What I'm looking for now is a guy ranked in the top ten," said Jeff. "I don't think any of them can hit better than this guy, so I feel like I'm ready to move up."

Unbeaten middleweight terror Curtis Parker was fed washed-up Texan Willie Warren in a horrible mismatch scheduled for ten. It didn't last that long, of course. Warren was mercifully rescued by referee Tom Reed at 2:37 of the fifth round.

Warren, 159, has been reduced to a pitiful punching bag and should not be allowed in the ring with brutal young punchers such as Parker. The blame does not lie with Curtis; he was only doing his job.

Parker, 162, is now 12-0, with eleven kayoes. He is ready for top flight opposition.

Another scheduled ten-rounder found 1976 gold medalist Leo Randolph scoring a fifth-round TKO over Houston's Alfonso Cirilo.

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VETERAN BOXERS' BEAT

By Harry Warren

Had an informative letter from RAY M. TODD, who is a Deputy Commissioner of the State Athletic Commission of Philadelphia. He was very concerned in his letter about that former great light heavyweight champion of the world TOMMY LOUGHRAN. The champ is in the Veterans Hospital, near Altoona, Pennsylvania, with hardening of the arteries. This column extends an inviation to all readers to send a get well card. . . .

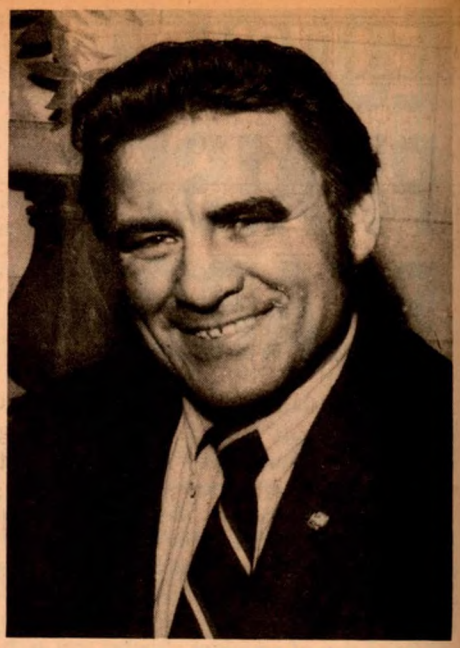
JACKIE GRIFFIN, of 2501 Gillburn Drive (C), Dallas, Texas 75227, received a mention in this column and he writes to say "I want to think you for the nice ink job you gave me in your July column. Since then, I have been receiving letters from all over the world, which means I will be so busy answering those letters that I won't be able to write to you for a long time."

Heard from WILLIAM B. BRESNAHAN, the treasurer of the Washington, D.C., Boxing Hall of Fame, 1910 Kalorama Road, NW, Washington D.C. 20009. He writes that former champion HARRY JEFFRA suffered a heart attack and spent some time in a Baltimore hospital. Now recuperating, contact by writing to him % Bill Bresnahan, 10111 Phoebe Lane, Adelphi, Md. 20783.

FRITZIE ZIVIC was honored at a testimonial dinner in the Grand Ballroom at the Hyatt House Chatham Center in Pittsburgh. Among those who came to cheer on the former champion were Mayor RICHARD S. CALIGUIRE, ART ROONEY, president of the Pittsburgh Steelers, BILLY CONN, and the former featherlight, and welterweight champion of the world, HENRY ARMSTRONG. FRITZIE also was recently honored by the Cauliflower Alley Club when he was inducted into the Boxers and Wrestlers Hall of Fame at the International Shrine on the Queen Mary at Long Beach California. . . .

TONY UNITAS, is one great guy and certainly is keeping the Canadian flag flying as far as boxing is concerned. Although he is involved with the "fight game" currently, he is also heavily involved with the "Old Timers," and he is the founder and chairman of the Canadian Boxing Hall of Fame. Write to him: Suite 4-, 43 Victoria Street, Toronto, Canada, M5C-2A2. . . .

A long-time friend is JIM PETTENGELL, regarded as one of the top boxing trainers in Europe. He fought as an amateur, and his first major boxing title was welter-weight champion of the Federation of London Working Men's Clubs, the finals being held at the Stadium Club, Holborn, in London. PETTENGELL had made great headway, and moved up from featherweight under the watchful eye of JOHNNY DOHERTY of Covent Garden, the chief instructor at the well known St. Martin's Club. He was now under the guidance of LEW DAVIES, a fine boxer who hailed from Wales, and had reached the age of nineteen. PETTENGELL decided to be a member of the St. Pancras Boxing Club. After winning a number of competitions, a whole chestful of medals and silver watches, JIM decided to turn professional, and under the management of the former singing boxer, FRED DYER, he trained with stablemates GEORGE ROSE of Bristol and BERT KIRCY, then the flyweight champion of Great Britain. JIM PETTENGELL, established himself as a boxer with 175 contests under his belt, and, in 1933, the opportunity to be permanently employed as Boxing Instructor with the famous Mary Ward Settlement came along, he accepted and he never regretted doing so. World War II with the subsequent "Blitz," caused the settlement to close down, but the undaunted PETTENGELL was offered the instructor position at the Fitzroy Lynn B.C. By this time, in the early 1940's, his fame had spread and he was regarded as a top trainer. When you look at the formidable list of his graduates, you have to agree. JIM prepared TOMMY McGOVERN for his British lightweight championship clash against BILLY THOMPSON while with the BENNY HUNTMAN stable, and also servedus councellor and trainer to the O'SULLIVAN brothers, DICKIE, DANNY and MICKEY, all of whom achieved stardom, with British, British Empire, and European titles. Back in 1945, in JACK SOLOMON's gym on Great Windmill Street, trainer NAT SELLER asked me if I would give DANNY, then training for his fight with Australian champion MICKEY FRANCIS, a couple of rounds. With DANNY, then the British and British Empire champion, you're truly had a three-round sparring session. At that time, having just arrived in London from overseas duty where I served with the Army Physical Training Corps and the Commandos, I was in good shape, but DANNY was a clever boxer. Good experience for me, especially as I was to defend my Inter-services title. However, I'm getting away from my story. PETTENGELL also contributed to the tremendous successes of ALBERT FINCH, European, British and British Empire middleweight champion, MARK HART, who fought most of Europe's champions, also one of ALBERT FINCH's finest opponents, his brother ALF HART, and the fabulous TOOHIG brothers. (Didn't we all have fun when your reporter trained with all the above mentioned champions at TOM FISHER's Gym at the "GUN" in Croydon.) PETTENGELL also trained CHARLIE TUCKER, who fought a great fight with your reporter in 1946 at the war-time HOOVER B.C. at Perryvale, London. It was a great experience for me to train with the great DON COCKELL during the time that JIM PETTENGELL was his trainer at Earlsfield–B.C. and, of course, COCKELL went on to be one of Great Britain's fistic luminaries. He was middleweight and light heavyweight amateur champion of Great Britain, also British professional heavyweight champion and fought a game-spirited fight with ROCKY MARCIANO for the world heavyweight crown. (Hey–DON, drop this column acard–% *The Ring* Magazine) Yes, PETTENGELL is still active, is regarded highly by RAY CLARKE's British Boxing Board of Control, is also an active member of the London Ex-Boxer's Ass'n., and still communicates with this columnist. He resides with his lovely wife at 34 Hamilton Road, South Oxhey, Watford, London WD1 6BS England. . . .



HARRY WARREN

TOMMY GOMEZ, former heavyweight contender of the 1940s and 50s, from Tampa, Florida, now fifty-nine, the father of four girls and proud grandfather of four, was the first inductee into the VBA, Ring 50, Hall of Fame. Remember, it was August 16, 1946, in the Madison Square Garden in New York, that number three-rated GOMEZ faced JERSEY JOE WALCOTT, and, although he was knocked out in the third round, it was no disgrace, for WALCOTT went on to become the champion of the world. In an 86-fight career, GOMEZ was only stopped five times. However, its on record that GOMEZ reversed his K.O. loss to JOE MATISI in Buffalo. GOMEZ finished his career with a "75-8-2" record with 65 knockout victories. It was after the brutal battle with BOB SATTERFIELD that decided GOMEZ to retire. He is a senior agent with Bankers Life of Iowa in Tampa.

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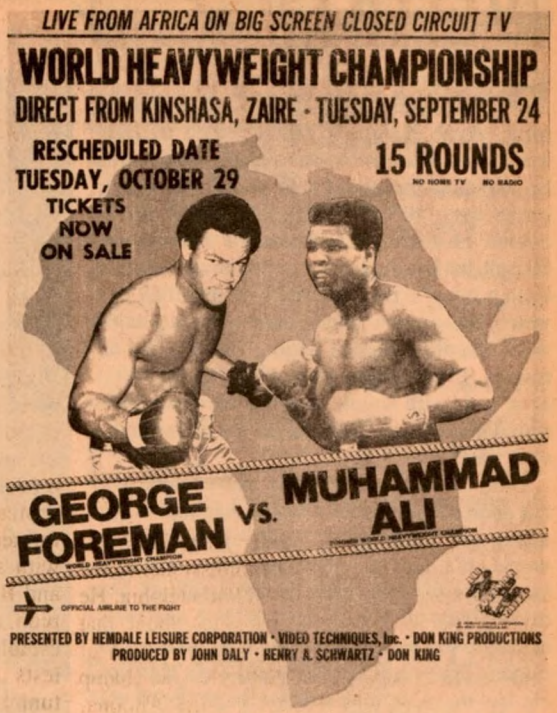

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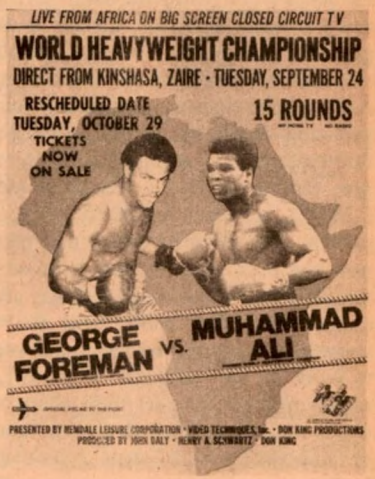

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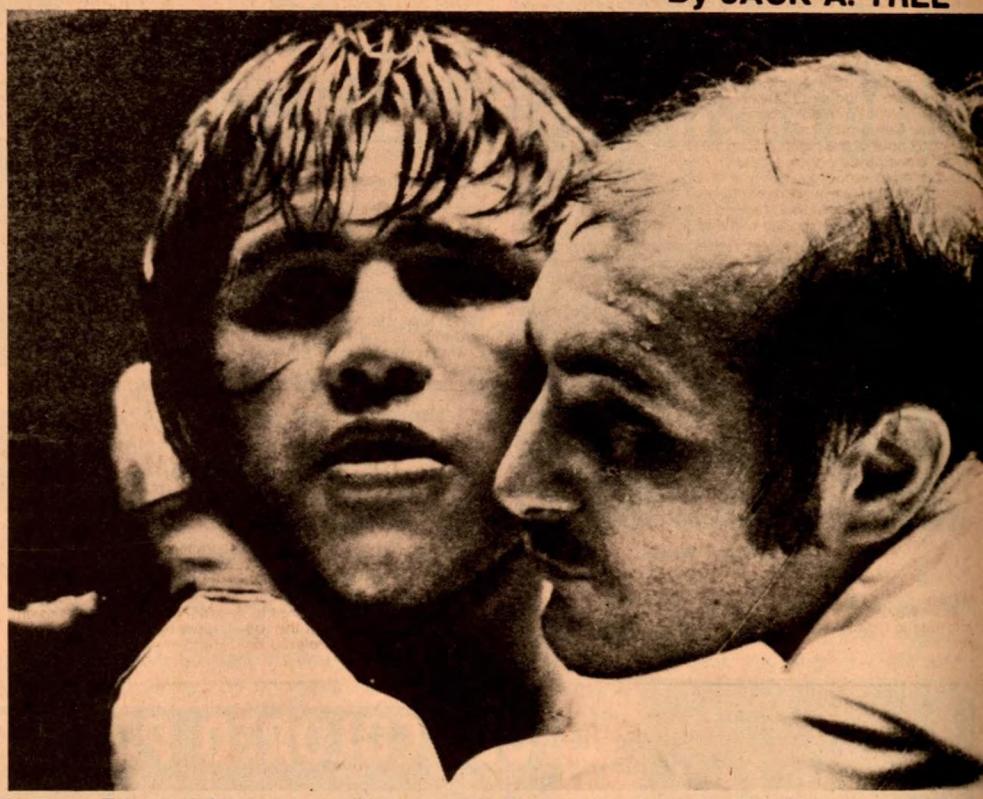

Lorenzo Zanon, right, embraces his opponent, Alfredo Evangelista, after their EBU title fight in Turin, Italy. Zanon won a split decision to become the European champion.

Berlin–By the time these lines appear in print, Ayub Kalule, Uganda, based in Denmark, and Briton Charles Magri, could well be matched for world title bouts and Kalule could even be wearing a crown. Magri of course is already champion of Europe, although he has had but twelve bouts and has been boxing in the paid ranks for less than two years. Kalule brought his score to twenty-eight wins recently, beating Monty Betham in four rounds. It was nothing more than a good workout and, with Kalule injuring his shoulder in round two, he was keen to get the engagement over early.

Finn Gommesen, a writer in Denmark who has seen all of Kalule's fights, has this to say about the Ugandan. "Ayub is out of this world. It's hard to understand why, really, as he seems to lack many of the qualities you usually find in a great champ. For one thing he can't punch at all–he must be one of the lightest hitters among the world class fighters. He has no more than average hand speed and doesn't put his punches together in breathtaking combinations, *a la* Sugar Ray Robinson. He delivers only with one hand–his right. He's not a natural southpaw; his left is absolutely powerless and rarely is brought into play. Then what are his good points? Besides having the right mental make-up and being very intelligent and dedicated, he has seemingly unlimited endurance, enormous strength, a granite jaw, a very long reach though he only stands 1.73 tall, an uncanny ability to read an opponent like an open book, and takes fewer punches than most fighters. So, while he is not a flashy, two-handed fighter, you nevertheless have the feeling you are watching something very special when you see him go to work on an opponent. It doesn't seem to matter whether they are third raters or former world champions like Obed or Castellini. They get clobbered with the same unbelievable ease. In fact, every fight is a mismatch, as he simply walks forward and blasts his opponents with strange punches from all angles with that right hand, like it was the most natural thing to do, and there is nothing anyone can do about it. He prefers strong, aggressive opponents who try to knock his head off. All these types are ripped apart in sensational style, while defensive spoiling opponents may last the distance because he lacks the punch to finish off a man with one shot."

Southpaw Ayub Kalule was born in Uganda on January 6th, 1956 and in 1974 he won the world amateur welter crown and in the same year became the Commonwealth Games lightweight champion. Making his professional debut in April, 1976, Kalule, went on to win the Commonwealth middleweight title and has topped every fight bill in Denmark for nearly two years.

Spain, with nearly two hundred professional boxers, holds five of the eleven European titles. Austria has 11 professional boxers and three promoters while Germany has half a dozen promoters and three dozen active boxers.

Frenchmen Maurice Apeang and Laurent Grimbert, both worthy of a European title shot at their respective weights, appear to be shelved for the time being. They must wait until they are nominated officially by the ruling body, the EBU.

Scotland recently had its first world title fight in thirty-three years. On the 17th April, local matador Jim Watt (31) faced Alfred Pitalua (25) a Colombian living in Mexico, for the WBC lightweight title, which had become vacant. Watt, holder of a Lonsdale belt and champion of Europe, halted Pitalua with 1.55 gone of round twelve. It was Pitalua's first bout against a southpaw. The last world title fight to take place in Glasgow was in July, 1946 when flyweight champion Jackie Patterson beat Joe Curran. Watt is the second Briton to win a world title in the last six weeks. Maurice Hope won the WBC junior middleweight crown during March.

HOLLAND

Rotterdam–Aldo Traversaro, Italy, lost his European light heavyweight crown to Rudi Koopman, Holland, on a TKO in six. Junior middles: Bob Mays (GB) kayoed Stan van den Driessche, Holland, three. Fighting Jim, Curacao knocked out Zip Castillo, Mexico, three. Tiger Quaye, Ghana, lost to Turk, Ahmed Yilderin by a TKO in three. Middleweights: Alex Blanchard, Holland, TKO'd German Rolf Gutekunst three.

GERMANY

Neustadt/Wied–A thousand five hundred attended Helmut Slomke's promotion. Heavyweights: Hansi Michel knocked out fellow German Kurt Oerter, five. In round four, a right to the solar plexus dropped Oerter for a count of eight. In round five, a left and right put Oerter down on one knee. He made his feet at six but the third man continued his count. Oerter (33) who had two hundred amateur fights, was having his sixth bout in the professional ranks. Junior welters: Otto Zinder, Austria, stopped German Friedhelm Manns, six. Zinder took a count of eight in round one. Junior middles: Southpaw Fritz Krehnslehner outscored fellow German Josef Kossman, eight. Kossmann, also a southpaw, took a count of eight in round three. Light heavyweights: Yugoslav Nacif Biborovic (28) beat Turk Haci Yildiz, the towel being thrown in during round three. Biborovic has had eight fights and lost one.

Koblenz–A crown of three hundred attended a show put on by Helmut Slomke, leaving him $700 out of pocket. In this country, we are thankful to guys like Helmut, who, despite losing money, still keeps promoting, giving work to boxers and entertaining the few who have not lost faith in the sport. Middleweights: Nazif Biberowic, Yugoslavia, TKO'd American Mike McCoy, four. Lightweights: Dieter Schantz, Germany, halted Austrian Herbert Trausmuth, two. Heavyweights: Kurt Oerter outscored fellow German Hans Michel, six. Junior middleweights: Josef Kossmann of Germany drew his eight-rounder with Claude Kalanda, Zaire.

DENMARK

Copenhagen–Commonwealth middleweight champion Ayub Kalule, Uganda, based in Denmark, knocked out Monty Betham, four. Southpaw Mustapha Wassaja, Uganda, beat Jerry Celestine, U.S.A., on points over eight rounds. Wassaja is undefeated in sixteen bouts. Torben Andersen, Denmark, decisioned Idrissa Konate, Senegal, over six rounds. Officials voted in favor of Andersen, 60-57, 60-57 and 59-57, but the crowd thought otherwise and gave the verdict a poor reception. Hans Henrik Palm, Denmark, beat Alain Salmon, France, in four rounds. Making his professional debut, Poul Baekgaard, Denmark, decisioned Spaniard Ignacio Gorostidi, four rounds.

FRANCE

Criel–Junior Welterweights: Lucien Campo drew a six-rounder with Mutuauble Kibassa.

Maubeuge–Hocine Tafer retained his French light heavyweight crown stopping Michel Dylbaitys, eleven. Lightweight Rene Martin halted Didier Kowalshi, three.

Arles–Ex-welter champion Alain Ruocco beat Antonio Casado, Spain, the third man giving the latter a standing count of eight in round nine and then sending him to his corner.

Marsille–Junior welterweights: Robert Gambini beat Emilio de Souza, the third man calling a halt in round ten.

Aix en Provence–Junion welterweights: Michel Guiot drew his six-rounder with Jean Pierre Moreau.

Calais–Junior lightweights: Francis Bailleul shared points with Di Muro Petito, eight. Light heavyweights: Michel Pagani knocked out Maurice Bufi, five.

Beurh sur Mer–Junior lightweights: Michel Lefebure outscored Alain Lefiol over ten rounds.

Tourcoing–Lightweights: Dijbril Bathily beat Jean Claude Sider, who was disqualified in the fourth.

Paris–An excellent program of boxing was put on by Jean Traxel. Welters: Ronald Zenon beat Achille Mitchell on points over eight rounds. Mitchell entered the ring wearing a bowler hat but the comedy ended once the bell sounded for the opening round. Zenon was on top most of the way, but in round four, Mitchell took the Frenchman out of his stride. At times, Zenon became over confident and it was then that the Briton surprised his man with a two-handed attack. In the last round, a right hook decked Mitchell for a count of eight. Mitchell's courage made him the hero of the night, and he gave Zenon some nasty moments. Sylvian Watbled, boxing as a heavyweight, knocked out Leopoldo Centorrino, Italy, five. It was a disappointing affair, and the worst bout of the night. A long sweeping left landed on Centorrino's jaw, and he took a count of eight. As he came 'round, the third man stood over him and the fight was over. Junior lights: Turk Tukisolelu Nkalanhete beat Maurice Fico on points, six. Welters: Tidjani Sidibe stopped Claude Lancastre, six. Lancastre was decked in rounds two and three for counts of eight.

Compiegne–Heavyweights: Robert Amory kayoed Laurent Zardy, six. Bantams: Laurent Grimbert, having his second bout in a week, beat Abdel Hammi, Tunis, the towel being thrown in as he lay on the ropes in round four.

Fresnes sur Escaut–Junior middles: Bernard Dybaitys drew his six-rounder with Joel Leprodhomme.

Villeneuve d'Ornon–Middleweights: Rufino Angulo kayoed Rida Halihimi, two.

Bethune–Welterweights: Jean Marie Touati beat Jean Michel Iger on points over six rounds.

FRANCE

Dunkirk–Light welterweights: Jo Kimpuani TKO'd Jimmy Rothwell, six. Lightweights: Dan M'Putu halted Ethem Ozakalin, three. Welters: Fred Coranson stopped Yannick Blandin, six.

Biarritz–Welterweights: Bernard Dylbatis halted Dagan Tadic, five.

BELGIUM

Zele–Welterweights: Alois Carmeliet drew his ten-rounder with Vittorio Conte. Middleweights: Mon Langewouters knocked out Stephane Vert Pre, four. Welters: Frankie Decaestecker outscored Dirk Declerck, eight. Fredo Roelands outscored Mohamed Bouziani, six.

Ougree–Junior middles: Jose Hernandez TKO'd Jean Symos, four. Welters: Balhasanne Azziz outscored Abdel Ben Ameur, four. Feathers: Angelo Licata outscored Victor Cipolla, six.

SPAIN

Malaga–Featherweights: Felix Munoz outpointed Luis Montes, eight.

GERMANY

Lubeck–Frank Wissenbach, Germany's only worthy European challenger, outscored the Luxembourg-based Frenchman, Jacques Chinon, over ten rounds. It was thought at first that the German had broken both hands but this was not the case. Both were swollen and painful and he will be out of action for some weeks. Junior welterweights: Peter Bio, Austria, decisioned Jose Rios, Puerto Rico, six. Heavyweights: Ralf Hertling, Germany, making his professional debut, decisioned fellow German Horst Lang, four. Heavyweights: Gregory Downes, Babados, based in Berlin, outscored German Harry Friedel, six. Welterweights: Erwin Heiber, Germany, halted Mi Whan, Korea, four.

LAS VEGAS AREA

● *By SHIRLEY NORMAN* ●

LAS VEGAS–Three lack-luster preliminaries opened the Leonard-Viruet fight card.

A heavyweight bout between Steve Huntington, 205, of Salt Lake City and Roger Troupe, 205, of Los Angeles, ended abruptly when Troupe quit at 2:53 of the fifth round.

Huntington went down in the second round, but immediately got to his feet, and survived to pound Troupe into submission. Troupe, leaning against the ropes, gave up the battle, and the fight was stopped by referee Ferd Hernandez.

In a second heavyweight fight, Reggie Phillips, 198, of Los Angeles stopped Sioni Pulu, 212, of Samoa and Salt Lake at 2:03 of the first round. A fierce right cross by Phillips was the Samoan's undoing.

In a battle of junior welterweights, Hedgemon Robertson, 140, of Los Angeles, scored a TKO over Jose Gonzales, 140, of San Diego. Robertson, a cousin of former top welterweight contender Hedgemon Lewis, delivered a left hook at 0:49 of the fourth round that sent Gonzales to the canvas. The fight was then stopped by referee Ferd Hernandez.

An SRO crowd of 2,400 witnessed the four-bout card, which was presented by Teddy Brenner of New York, in conjunction with local promoter Mel Greb.

LAS VEGAS–Two action-packed main events thrilled fans at the Silver Slipper Strip Fight of the Week.

Victor "Kid Zorrito" Martinez, 147, of Los Angeles, quickly disposed of Mario Valencia, 148, of San Antonio, at 1:43 of the first round.

And Juan "Kid" Meza, 127, of Mexico, kayoed Jose Cruze, 127, of San Antonio, at 1:46 of the fourth round.

Martinez sprang from his corner at the opening bell and snapped a right jab at Valencia's jaw. Valencia quickly went down for an eight-count. Martinez wasted no time in delivering another flurry of punches. He landed a right and left combination, which sent Valencia to the canvas for the knockout.

Meza, likewise, wasted no time in sending his opponent to the canvas with a right to the jaw.

Although he got to his feet, Cruz never recovered from the knockdown, and Meza continued to deliver a savage beating to his opponent. Cruz was warned in the fourth round for not throwing punches, but to no avail. The fight was finally stopped by referee Carlos Padilla at 1:46 of the fourth.

In an eight-round prelim, Len Hardin, 158, of Las Vegas, won a majority decision over Rafael Rodriguez, 154, of Minneapolis.

Another majority decision was awarded to Vincent Bratto, 136, of Los Angeles, over his opponent, Juan Rivera, 132, also of Los Angeles.

Two dull heavyweight bouts ended in unanimous decisions. Chuck Gardner, 226, of Minneapolis, won over Lee Holloman, 213, of Dallas. And Mark Westaway, 202, of Los Angeles, won over Walter Cloud, 220, of Las Vegas.

LAS VEGAS–Harry Terrell, 205, of Chicago, Ill. pounded his way to a unanimous decision over Lynn Ball, 216, of Bossier City, La. The heavyweight brawl was the main event at the Silver Slipper's Strip Fight of the Week.

Terrell, brother for former heavyweight champion, Ernie Terrell, used his superb physical shape to outpoint the tiring, flabby Ball.

Ball dominated the fight in the early rounds, but Terrell began working to his body, and depleting his stamina.

Terrell won the unanimous decision, despite losing points in the ninth and tenth rounds for misconduct. Terrell threw two punches after the bell of the ninth round, and referee Harry Krause took away one point.

Krause penalized Terrell a second point when he pushed Ball through the ropes.

The penalty points resulted in a close but unanimous decision. All three judges scored the fight 45-43 for Terrell.

A brief preliminary saw Sterling McPhearson, 137, of Las Vegas, dispose of Rick Fager, 140, at 1:02 of the first round. A sharp right cross ended Fager's pro debut with a knockout.

Tommy Cisneros, 139, of Las Vegas, scored a TKO over Danny Patino, 134, of Los Angeles, in the fifth round of a scheduled six-rounder. Patino hit the canvas after a right uppercut by Cisneros, and stayed down until referee Buddy Basilico stopped the bout at 2:51 of the fifth.

Another six-round prelim saw Mauricio "El Gato" Aldana, 149, of Los Angeles, score a unanimous decision over Idika Nsofor, 148, of Nigeria and Las Vegas. Aldana was in command throughout the fight, and all three judges scored 30-25 in his favor.

An eight-round battle of light heavyweights ended in a draw between Len Harden, 164, of Las Vegas and Ted Sanders, 166, of Los Angeles.

LAS VEGAS–Johnny Carter, 115½, of Philadelphia, proved at the Silver Slipper Strip Fight that he truly deserves his nick-name, "Baby Dancing Machine."

Carter danced around the ring for a full ten rounds, weaving in and out of trouble against his opponent, Mario Chavez, 117, of Los Angeles.

He backed up, ran away, and sat down briefly in the ninth round. But all the while, Carter kept using his clever left jab, and the result was a split decision.

In the semi-main, Leroy Jefferson, 145½, of Philadelphia, won a unanimous eight-round decision over Mauricio "El Gato" Aldana, 147, of Los Angeles.

Jefferson, who was *The Ring* Magazine's "Prospect of the Month" last February, was fighting for the first time in six months due to a cut over his eye. The win brings Jefferson's record to 7-1-2.

In a six-round semi-main, Tommy Cisneros, 139½, of Las Vegas, scored a TKO over Jose Ozouna, 138½ at 0:45 of the sixth round. Ozouna was tagged hard in the first round and never recovered. The fight was stopped on orders of ring physician Dr. Donald Romeo.

The only knockout of the night was delivered by Johnny Papin, 127, of Los Angeles, as he kayoed Francisco Pico, 127, of Los Angeles, as the bell ended the sixth round.

Papin had Pico in trouble throughout the bout with his combinations–and with his clever tactic of switching back and forth, between southpaw and right hand leads.

The opening bout ended in a draw between Amos James, 150, of Henderson, Nev., and Idika Nsofor, 149, of Las Vegas.

LAS VEGAS–Steve Delgado, 153, proved to be a game young fighter with "ring smarts" as he decisioned James Waire, 157, of Los Angeles in the Silver Slipper's Strip Fight of the Week.

Delgado, who lives in Las Vegas, and is trained by the venerable Eddie Futch, was learned well from his respected mentor, as evidenced in the Slipper ring.

Delgado dominated the main-event bout, keeping constant pressure on Waire, and cutting the ring off–to Waire's despair.

Waire was pushed to the ropes several times, where he was pounded with flurries of fierce combinations.

Delgado's fury and skill won him a unanimous decision, as judge Charles Minker scored 97-72, Harold Buck, 96-93, and Bill Kipp 99-91.

EUROPEAN RATINGS

Heavyweights
Champion: Lorenzo Zanon (I)
1. Alfredo Evangelista (S)
2. John L. Gardner (GB)
3. Alfio Righetti (I)
4. Paul Sykes (GB)
5. Tommy Kiely (GB)
6. Les Stevens (GB)
7. Tony Moore (GB)
8. Lucien Rodriguez (S)
9. Al Syben (B)
10. Felipe Rodriguez (S)

Light Heavyweights
Champion: Rudi Koopmans (H)
1. John Conteh (GB)
2. Mate Parlov (Y)
3. Aldo Traversaro (I)
4. Avenamar Peralta (S)
5. David Conteh (GB)
6. Bunny Johnson (GB)
7. Hocine Tafer (F)
8. Ennio Cometti (I)
9. Sylvain Watbled (F)
10. Harold Skog (N)

Middleweights
Champion: Alan Minter (GB)
1. Gratien Tonna (F)
2. Kevin Finnegan (GB)
3. Frankie Lucas (GB)
4. Matteo Salvemini (I)
5. Frank Wissenbach (G)
6. Alfredo Naveiras (S)
7. Bunny Sterling (GB)
8. George Steinherr (G)
9. Tony Sibson (GB)
10. Alvaro Scarpelli (I)

Junior Middleweights
Champion: Marijan Benes (Y)
1. Maurice Hope (GB)
2. Gilbert Cohen (F)
3. Andoni Amana (S)
4. Jimmy Batten (GB)
5. Claude Martin (F)
6. Damiano Lassandro (I)
7. Luigi Minchillo (I)
8. Adrie Huussen (H)
9. Dave Proud (GB)
10. Pat Thomas (GB)

Welterweights
Champion: David Green (GB)
1. Jorgen Hansen (D)
2. Henry Rhiney (GB)
3. John H. Stracey (GB)
4. Bruno Arcari (I)
5. Louis Arcaries (F)
6. Hans Henrik Palm (D)
7. Dum Dum Pacheo (S)
8. Josef Pachler (A)
9. Giovanni Molesini (I)
10. Richard Rodriguez (F)

Junior Welterweights
Champion: Joe Kimpuani (F)
1. Jose Luis Heredia (S)
2. Fernando Sanchez (S)
3. Colin Powers (GB)
4. Giuseppe Martinese (I)
5. Clinton McKenzie (GB)
6. Claude Lormeau (F)
7. Svein Erik Paulsen (N)
8. Des Morrison (GB)
9. Roberto Gambini (F)
10. Chris Davies (GB)

Lightweights
Champion: Jim Watt (GB)
1. Charlie Nash (GB)
2. Giancarlo Usai (I)
3. Manuel Velasquez (S)
4. Ray Cattouse (GB)
5. Rosario Sanna (I)
6. Johnny Claydon (GB)
7. Angelo Provenzaro (I)
8. Didier Kowalski (F)
9. Antonio Guinaldo (S)
10. Pelegrino Uentrone (I)

Junior Lightweights
Champion: Carlos Hernandez (S)
1. Natale Vezzoli (I)
2. Maurice Apeang (F)
3. Rodolfo Sanchez (S)
4. Isidoro Cabeza (S)
5. Ramon Marichal (S)
6. Charles Jurietti (F)
7. Elio Cotena (I)
8. Artistide Pizzo (I)
9. Salvatore Liscapade (I)
10. Nino Jimenez (S)

Featherweights
Champion: Roberto Castanon (S)
1. Cecilio Lastra (S)
2. Manuel Masso (S)
3. Salvatore Melluzzo (I)
4. Pat Cowdell (GB)
5. Les Pickett (GB)
6. Jimmy Flint (GB)
7. Nani Rodriguez (S)
8. Gerard Jacob (F)
9. Michel Lefebvre (F)
10. Guy Caudron (F)

Bantamweights
Champion: Juan Francisco Rodriguez (S)
1. Johnny Owen (GB)
2. Frnco Zurlo (I)
3. Esteban Eguia (S)
4. Alfredo Mulas (F)
5. Laurent Grimbert (F)
6. Vicente Rodriguez (S)
7. Luigi Tessarin (I)
8. Guiseppe Fossati (I)
9. Dave Smith (GB)
10. Garry Davidson (GB)

Flyweights
Champion: Charlie Magri (GB)
1. Franco Udella (I)
2. Giovanni Camputaro (I)
3. Manuel Carrasco (S)
4. Franco Buglione (I)
5. Emilio Pireddu (I)
6. Mariano Garcia (S)
7. Sabatino DeFilippo (I)
8. Claudio Tanda (I)
9. Filippo Belvedere (I)
10. Rodriguez Cal (S)

A ten-round semi-main provided the wildest action of the night, between Fili Ramirez, 134, of Los Angeles, and Ray Salivar, 134, also of Los Angeles.

The two boxers stood toe-to-toe and battled with blows, punches, and counter-punches. Ramirez knocked Saldivar through the ropes in the eighth round, but the action was even; the decision was a draw.

In an eight-round preliminary, Julio Mendez, 135, of Los Angeles, won a majority decision over Willie "Duke" Daniels, 137, of Las Vegas.

Jose Valdez, 128, of Los Angeles, won a TKO victory over Rudolfo Moreno, 130, of El Paso, Texas, as referee Joey Giambra stopped the fight at 1:17 of the sixth round.

Randy McGrady, 162, of Los Angeles, in his first professional bout, defeated Mike Westrich, 165, of Las Vegas with a TKO at 2:15 of the third round. Westrich staggered against the ropes as referee Harry Krause stopped the bout.

HOOSIERS FIGHT OUT-OF-STATE

By GARY L. MERRITT

it0 **WYANDOTTE, MICHIGAN–The boxing card at Yack Arena had two young Indiana scrappers in action:**

Jimmy Robertson, 226½, Muncie, Indiana, came on strong to win a four-round decision over Jim Olzewski, 210½, Detroit. Robertson now has a 3-2-2 pro record.

The pro debut of Lamont Hopkins, 149½, turned into a fourth round TKO victory over Charlie Peterson, 152, Muncie (0-2)

BEAUMONT, TEXAS–Former two-time Indiana Golden Glove champion now fighting out of Arlington, Texas, Clyde "Rocky" Mudgett, 173½, was kayoed in the ninth round by Otis Gordon, 171¼, Houston. The match was for the Texas light heavyweight crown.

CINCINNATI, OHIO–The Cincinnati Gardens featured a scheduled ten-round lightweight contest between up-and-coming local hero Aaron Pryor and veteran Norman Goins, Indianapolis. Pryor upped his record to 18-0 with a knock-out at 2:45 of the ninth round.

WAUKASKA, WISCONSIN–The fighting policeman, Donnie Garrett, 152, Muncie, Indiana, lost in the second round to Cicero Blake, 155, Chicago. While in a clinch, the fighters stumbled to the canvas with Garrett hitting his neck on the lower rope. The bout was stopped at this point, with Garrett unable to continue. Garrett's record is now 3-2, with none of his bouts going the distance.

College student Chico Ortiz, 149½, Liberty, Indiana, won his initial pro fight over Carl Crawley, 147, Tipton, Iowa. Ortiz kayoed his opponent in the fourth round.

Tom Crawley, 141, Tipton, Iowa, won a four-round decision over Charlie Peterson, 146, Muncie.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST BOXING NEWS

By RUGGLES LARSON

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON–Pinkion Thomas, 203, Seattle, Washington, won his sixth professional bout without a setback by stopping Fonal Leota, 191, Los Angeles, at 2:16 of the second round. Pinkion showed a lot of ring craftsmanship and crisp punching power as dropped the stocky Samoan with a left hook.

Franco Thomas, 207 ½, former Alaskan now fighting out of Los Angeles, won a hard earned unanimous ten-round decision over Len Lawson, 196, Concord, California. Franco swept the early rounds, but the rugged Lawson improved as the fight progressed to make the final ballots read 97-95, 98-96, and 97-95.

Frankie Duran, 159, Seattle, won an action packed six-round split decision over game Hudson Jackson, 162, Monroe, Washington. Mustafa El Amin, 182, Seattle, was held to a four-round draw by Monroe's Tate Bowman, 191. Manny Gonzales, 145, Seattle, kayoed Mike Baxter, 143, Sacramento, in the first round.

The World Promotions, Inc. announced a paid attendance of 950.

TACOMA, WASHINGTON–Jerry "Fighting Red" Wiles, 130, Tacoma, Washington, journeyed to Lake Tahoe, Nevada, and stopped Joey Bico, 131, Tucson, at 1:31 of the third round in a scheduled eight-rounder. It was Wiles' sixth victory and sixth kayo in seven bouts.

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON–Veteran manager Joe West is very enthusiastic over his new heavyweight hopeful, Pinklon Thomas. Thomas is undefeated in six bouts to date and will probably be headlining several future pro cards in Seattle.

Seattle has two other impressive undefeated pro scrappers in Manny Gonzales (3-0) and Frankie Duran (4-0-1).

N.Y.-PA.

By JIM LEO

SYRACUSE, N.Y.–War Memorial Auditorium–Rocky Fratto, 153, Geneva, N.Y., continued his winning ways as he stopped Irish Beau Jaynes, 148, Lowell, Mass., at fifty-six seconds into the seventh round of a ten-rounder promoted by the Canastota Boxing Club. Fratto, now 15-0, scored throughout with strong jabs and combinations to the New Englander and dropped Jaynes at the close of the fourth round with a right hand to the jaw. Jaynes was absorbing plenty of punishment and was way out of the contest when referee Tommy Holmes stopped it in the seventh. The twenty-year-old Fratto, handled by Tony Graziano, continues to show improvement as he seeks to climb into the junior middleweight rankings.

Steve Arvin, 162, Binghamton, N.Y., kayoed Ray Crump, 156, (also known as Jelani Flameni Sefu) at 2:17 of the second round of a scheduled six rounder. Arvin decked Crump with a right hand coming in.

Sanford Ricks, 141 ¾, New York City, outpointed Frankie Minigan, 142, Rochester, N.Y., in a six-rounder. Ricks shows plenty of talent for a young professional, while Minigan cannot come up with that "extra" to bring on victory.

Danny Pate, 153½, Philadelphia, decisioned Tyrone Phelps, 153½, Brooklyn, in another six-rounder. Pate did most of the point scoring while Phelps looked to connect with swinging sweeping hooks. A good match-up and the fans enjoyed it.

Tommy Gwynn, 160, Syracuse, a LeMoyne College senior, made his professional debut in the opening four-rounder a successful one, knocking out Tony Pezzella, 166, Rochester, NY, at 1:49 of the second round with a corking right hand to the chin.

A crowd of 1,600 attended.

SCRANTON, PA.–Youth Center–Marty Capasso, 203 Chester, Pa., stopped the popular Scrantonian, Jerry Foley, at forty-one seconds of the third round. Marty, a fine looking prospect making his third Scranton appearance, had too many guns for popular Jerry. Capasso had Foley's eye puffed at the close of the first and continued his sharp-shooting against his plodding opponent. Early in the third round, Cheyney State College graduate, had Foley cornered and was pounding him with many blows when referee Hank Cisco pulled him off. Marty is now 7-0.

In a six-rounder, 172, Scranton, Pa., decisioned Kid Sampson, 175, Philadelphia. Mifka outslugged the Philadelphian in a good contest.

In another six-rounder, with not much action, 210, Brooklyn, edged Jerry Judge, 207, Philadelphia, on a comeback. Timcng was off for both lads, and the crowd wasn't too satisfied.

In an opening four-rounder, Garland Wright, 144, Wilkes Barre, Pa., won the nod over Mario Williams, 147, Upper Darby, Pa. Wright demonstrated a good left jab and body attack for the win.

Six amateur bouts went on prior to the professionals. The All-Star Boxing Club promoting, Paul Ruddy, matchmaker, drew a fine crowd of 1,843 who paid in $10,462 on the Wednesday night of boxing.

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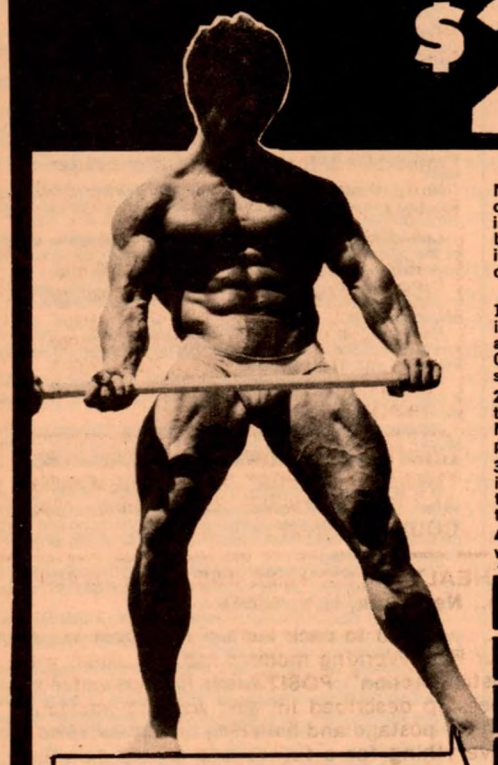

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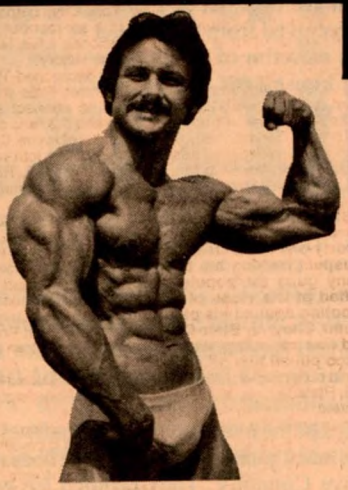

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TOLEDO-SIXTY YEARS AGO

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towel into the ring in token of defeat, and the championship had changed hands.

Hoots and catcalls greeted the announcement. Thoughtless persons called Willard a quitter, as he tumbled out of the ring to make his way to his dressing room, yet no man ever gave a gamer exhibition than did the Kansas Giant. He had received the worst beating ever administered to a title holder, had two small bones broken in the right upper jaw, yet fought until he could not raise his hands any longer and then was called a quitter. Is that kind of gameness to be found in the make-up of a quitter?

Had Willard gone out for that fourth round, he might have been killed or might fatally have injured himself through collapse. It was a good thing for the sport that he had sense enough to know when he had had sufficient.

Why did Tex Rickard, the New York promoter, take his world championship fight to Ohio? Well, the truth of it was that originally Rickard had no confidence in Dempsey's drawing power. At first Rickard needed persuasion to sign Dempsey, but after he had had conversations with John J. McGraw and other boxing buffs of note, he changed his attitude.

When Rickard first suggested the match to Willard, the then champion ridiculed the idea and said, "Put me into a ring with that guy, and I will be laughed out of it."

Willard weighed 250 pounds and stood 6 foot 6¼ inches in height, while Dempsey tipped the scale at 185 pounds and was 6 foot 1 inch in height.

Dempsey faced Willard with a reputation which had been built up by forty-two knockouts.

Willard hardly had license to ridicule the Manassa Mauler, as Jack was to be known from then on. The title which Willard was forced to pass on to the Mauler bore a bar sinister.

Jess had stopped the once-great Johnson in Havana, on April 5, 1915, in 26 rounds. There was no question regarding the authenticity of Willard's effort that hot Sunday in Cuba, but Johnson was accused of selling the title. He had no more use for it.

That the merciless trouncing which Dempsey gave to the Pottawatomie Giant was the worst suffered in a heavyweight fight leaves no question in the mind of this writer. Many experts believe that the Dempsey performance must take second place behind the beating which Luis Angel Firpo received from the Mauler at the Polo Grounds in New York. Firpo was a victim of the inexorable ten and out. But Firpo finally had to pick himself off the floor, while Willard surrendered in his own corner, unable to gather his wits or his diminishing strength.

Another record beating in a heavyweight's effort at the title was the one taken by Tom Sharkey in his fight with champion Jim Jeffries at Coney Island in 1899. Referee George Siler made the right decision after twenty-five rounds. That information I got from Tom's doctor in New York.

Dempsey, happily, is still around in retirement in New York. Willard passed away in 1968. Of the two hundred reporters who sat around the Dempsey-Willard ring, it appears likely that I am the sole survivor. Of how many of those sun-scorched fans of 1919 are still around, there can be no estimate.

Among the beneficiaries of the event were two Broadway characters whose trip to Toledo had been paid for by Rickard. They were Tammany Young and One-Eye Connolly. They peddled ice water to the press out of a galvanized iron tub, at fifty cents a gulp. Legend hath it that, on the eve of the fight, Young prepared something he called "lemonade" for general sale to the fans. However, the concoction was abandoned in Dempsey's shower when Battling Nelson, former lightweight champion, jumped into it to beat the heat.

In the aftermath of the fight, Willard confessed that he had not trained hard enough and that he should not have permitted Jack to enter the ring with his gloves already adjusted.

That Willard had snided his training was an open secret among the reporters and was due to his grossly under-rating Jack.

Dempsey came in with gloves adjusted to save time. He did not want to stay in the blazing sun a minute longer than necessary.

Dempsey's victory was very important to boxing as it cleared up many bad odors left behind by the White Hope interlude.

THE SUNNY SOUTH

By JOEL LIPSITT

MEMPHIS, TENN.–Rivermont Holiday Inn–An excited crowd of 1100 watched young 22 year old welterweight Ed Modique, 145, Bossier City, La. come storming back in the late rounds of a twelve-rounder to gain a split decision win over favorite Memphian Curtis Taylor to capture the Southern jr. welterweight title. This win reversed an earlier March split decision loss to Taylor.

Judge Charles Ray had it 116-114 for Taylor, while judges Joe Hadly, Jr., and Cliff Norwell scored it 117-114 and 116-115 for Modique, respectively. Modique upped his record to 12-3 while Taylor's slipped to 11-2.

The brawl was an excellent scrap with Taylor once agai,, as he did in their first fight, winning the first four rounds with good overall boxing ability, displaying snappy jabs and quick combinations. In the next four rounds, Taylor tired a bit and this gave Modique the chance to pick up the tempo as he began to score heavily with solid left hooks to the body and overhand rights to the jaw. Modique was most effective when he had Taylor against the ropes.

Taylor's best shots never phased Modique, who was now gaining momentum and landing the heavier blows. The last four rounds were fought toe-to-toe, with Modique frequently hurting Taylor with right hand shots to the jaw. Modiqie promised Taylor a rematch in the near future.

In an eight-round semifinal, undefeated Memphian welterweight Glen Campbell, who was scheduled to appear against Richard House, St Louis, had to cancel out at the last moment due to a high fever. Basil Buchanan, 147, Jamaica, substituted for him. In the first round, the two fighters felt each other out and then, in the second, while in a toe-to-toe exchange, Buchanan caught House, 148, with a stunning left hook to the jaw, depositing him on the seat of his pants as the round ended. In the third canto, with both battlers resuming the slugfest, Buchanan again shot over a smashing left hook which sent House flat on his face. House was unable to come out for the fourth as it went into the books as a fourth round TKO.

In a six-round heavyweight tussle, Don Kiser, 185, stationed in the U.S. Navy, Millington, Tenn., got sweet revenge from an earlier split decision loss to L.J. Harvey, 206, St Louis. However, it wasn't what he had hoped for. After a slow feeling out process in the first, it was discovered that Harvey couldn't answer for the 2nd because of a broken left pinky.

In an action packed six-round lightweight bout, ever aggressive and busy Ken Salle, 135, St Louis, eked out a split decision win over likeable Memphian Simmi Black, 136. It was nip and tuck up through the third, with Black slightly ahead, but Salle came on like a raging bull with heavy body punching, which hurt Black on numerous occasions.

In the 4 round curtain raiser, ever improving middleweight, lanky Joe Settles, 155, Earle, Ark., had an easy time in TKOing inexperienced, blond headed Danny Smith, 156, Harris, Miss., at 0:29 of the third. A booming right to the chin sent Smith sprawling into the ropes, whereupon he rebounded and collapsed into the ref's arms. Smith, a karate enthusiast, was engaging in his first pro bout.

MEMPHIS, TENN.–Rivermont Holiday Inn–Last year it was the Hallacy brothers from Wichita, Kansas, who took Memphians by storm, then quickly faded, and now its the brawling farm boys, the Crowley brothers from Tipton, Iowa, managed by their pop, Jack, who have recently caught the fancy of the local crowd.

Before a curious crowd of about 1270, in what proved to be the best fight of the evening, eighteen-year-old welterweight Carl Crowley, 147, put on a courageous display of gameness only to lose a very unpopular split decision to the heavy local favorite, muscular Michael Herron, 148, himself an excellent prospect, in the eight-round semifinal. In all fairness to Herron, it was a just decision.

Herron was the aggressor throughout as he tried to overpower the young Crowley boy. However, Herron was surprised at the unexpected durability of his opponent, who battled back at every opportunity with a dogged body attack which befuddled Herron at times. While Herron was effective with his jab, Crowley frequently snuck in a looping right that bounced off the cheek of Herron, causing him obvious distress.

After a hectic five rounds with neither boy giving ground, Herron's greater experience showed as he slightly began to gain the upper hand. The younger Crowley, although never lacking in heart, began to show the signs of weariness, as Herron was finding the mark with accurate left hooks. At the end of the donnybrook, Herron showed a large mouse under his left eye. The crowd booed the verdict, but Herron's superior overall ringmanship justifiably earned him the win.

The younger, seventeen year brother, Tom, 133, engaged in a non-stop pier sixer and won a unanimous six-round decision over the more experienced Memphian, Simmi Black, 135. Tom's vicious body attack wore down the ever plodding Black. Black threw many punches but Crowley always came back like a runaway locamotive, driving Black into the ropes on many occasions. Crowley suffered a slight abrasion under his left eye due to an accidental butt. Crowley upped his record to 6-2.

In a brief four-round heavyweight fight, Memphian hopeful, 25 year old blond headed "Big" John Lee, 215, continued on his winning ways as he pulverized substitute Carl Haliburton, 210, Memphis, who was replacing "Wold Man" Dan Isby, Memphis, at 1:51 of the first. Lee raised his record to 7-0. A series of heavy body blows spelled doom for Haliburton after the second knockdown. He struggled to get to his feet but the ref signaled he had enough for the evening.

In the main ten-round light heavyweight contest, popular twenty-one year old red headed Tony McMinn, 178, Quapaw, Okla., ran his record to 30-4 by coping a dull unanimous decision win over the cagey veteran Frankie Evans, 176, Beamont, Texas, in a mauling, clinching affair. McMinn tried to make a good fight but Evans was content to hold and occasionally throw out a feeble jab. The only effective punches were thrown by McMinn.

In the opening four-rounder, middleweight Joe Settles, 155, Earle, Ark., won a unanimous decision over trial horse Jimmy Cook, 156, Osceola, Ark., who should look for another occupation.

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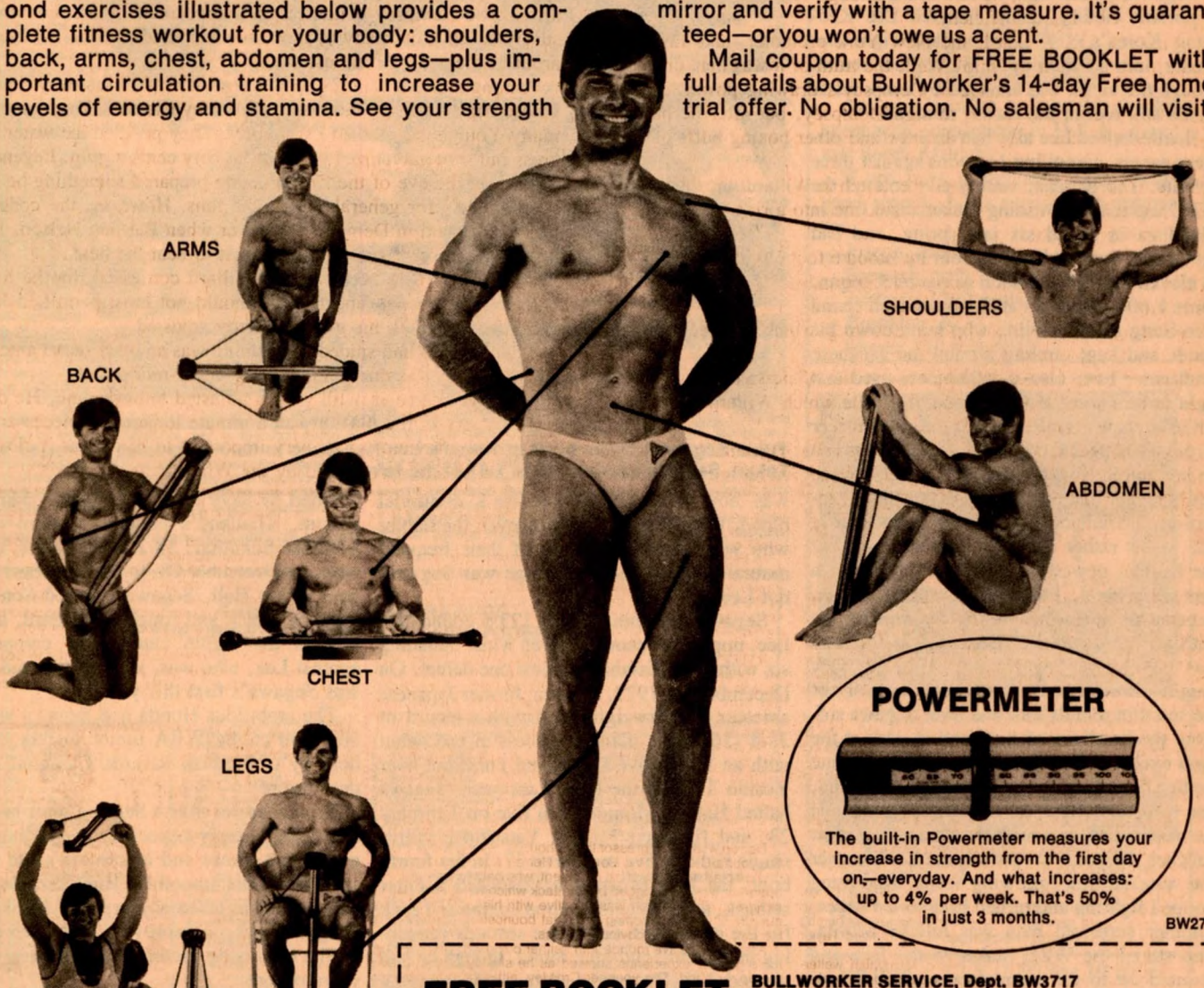

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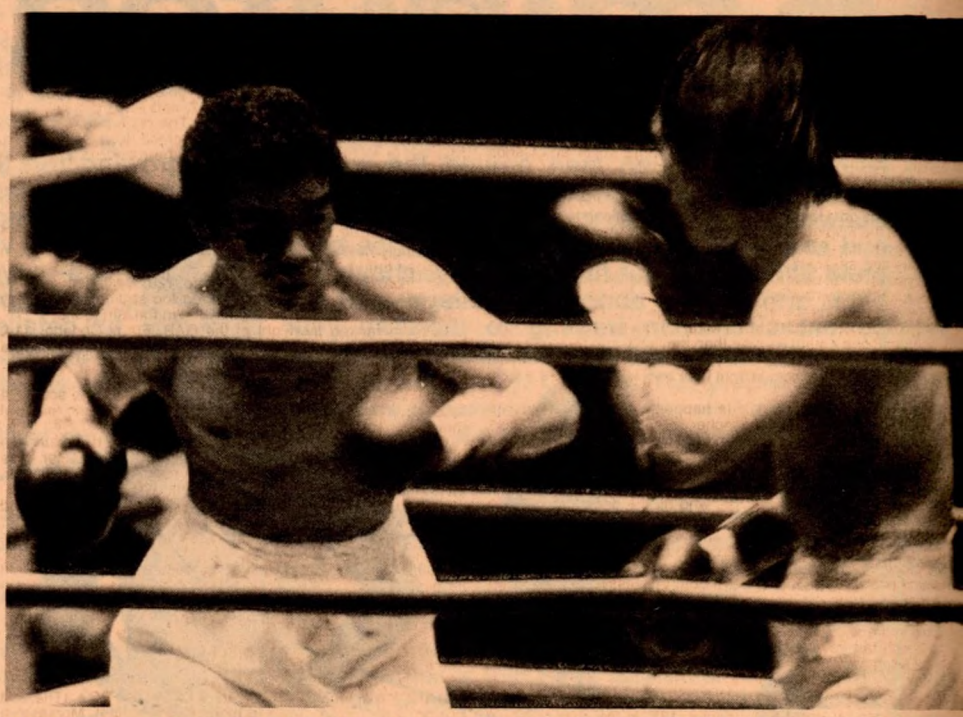
SEGAWA KAYOES LEE

Tokyo, Japan–Lefty puncher Yukio Segawa was an ex-Olympian who went to Montreal, where he dropped highly favored Howard Davis, Jr., the gold medalist in the lightweight class, on the deck but lost a close decision to the taller speedster of the U.S. in the tournament.

Segawa, in his eighth pro bout, gained an important victory, as he battered Lee Keo-Sung, Korea's WBC super bantamweight contender, into submission in the seventh round, though the victor was annoyed by Lee's faster hands and feet in the earlier sessions.

Beetle-haired Lee also had an excellent amateur career, compiling 142 wins against three defeats. The Korean, twenty-six, entered the WBC top ten by finishing Panamanian Carlos Mendoza in round six last spring, and had previously won all but one, four by knockout, in eleven outings. As soon as the bout began, some 1,600 spectators at Korakuen Hall found Keo-Sung an Ali stylist, who hung down his hands and kept circling around the Japanese southpaw. Lee, also a lefthander, used fast right jabs to win the second and third rounds, while Segawa still studied the footworker through his peekaboo guard. Regarded as not an invincible rival for Segawa, chiefly due to Lee's recent unanimous loss to Vichit Muangroi-et in Thailand last November and partly due to his rather low knockout average, but the Korean newcomer still had Segawa at a loss for awhile. From the fourth round on, Segawa commenced chasing his elusive foe with an incessant two-fisted attack. But Lee was not where Segawa hit. Although they fought on even terms from the viewpoint of the score in rounds four and five, Segawa suffered the handicap of a streaming gash at the right eyebrow. It was in the sixth session that the tide turned suddenly. Midway in the round, Lee stopped his bicycle with his back against the ropes and received the Japanese' short punches. Not only the crowd, but Lee's corner was amazed at a following scene. Keo-Sung stopped fighting and turned back to the ropes. Another surprised man was referee Morita, who stared the WBC ranker in the face and counted up to the mandatory eight. Lee resumed fighting, but was forced to backpedal by a furious follow-up by Segawa, who went all out for a kayo. Lee was barely saved by the bell.

The stoppage happened at 1:37 of the seventh canto, when Lee gave up and again showed his back to Segawa, despite the fact that he had taken little punishment, though the Nipponese had connected with right and left blows at the face. The third man tolled the fatal ten against the standing loser. The criticized Lee explained the outcome, saying he was not damaged by Segawa's continual blows, but by his butting. However, the fighter who was bleeding because of their frequent mutual butts in the close range was Segawa, not Lee.



Yukio Segawa throws a left at Korea's Lee Keo-Sung in their scheduled ten-round bout in Tokyo. Segawa kayoed Lee in 1:37 of the seventh.

Segawa, weighing 124 to 123¼ pounds for Lee, upped his record to seven wins, including six within the distance, against one defeat. On December 22, 1977, Segawa, former Japanese amateur featherweight titlist with a record of 38-4 (26 KOs), made a successful pro debut with an impressive first-round knockout over Yoshio Tano at the Hall. Last year, Segawa halted Hajime Momosaki in five on February 23, and flattened Tadashi Yatsuzuka with a single right in five on March 27. In his fourth bout, the lefty prospect experienced a bitter setback, as he received a good combo and sank for the count with only three seconds remaining in the tenth and final round, though he had banged Koji Kunishige all the way, winning all nine sessions.

Whether or not his mentally damaging loss was caused by a lucky punch, Segawa returned to ring warfare soon and stopped Morkasakdi Muangsurin, a Thai banty, at the end of the eighth round on August 24.

Segawa's previous sharpness, however, was not seen in his next showing, in which he outscored a Filipino tough named Sandy Noora in ten sluggish frames on October 26.

Segawa's co-handlers, Club honor Akihiko Honda and Gal impresario Haru Nagano, then decided to have their hope face a name opponent, Thailand's national bantam champ Somkiat Sukothai, 18-2 with twelve knockouts, on December 28. In the final card of the year at the Hall, Segawa endured Somkiat's opening attack and fought back hard, halting him in the eighth canto. The competition against Lee, who was, reportedly, paid well, was Segawa's first this year.

The ambitious Honda and Segawa want to take aim at the WBA junior feather crown, held by Colombian Ricardo Cardona, in the near future.

Your reporter thinks Segawa must horn his fist more sharply–especially in leading with more right blows and in coming close to his opponent more smoothly. However, Segawa, who has never taken any personal holidays on his gym work, is improving with each bout.

The fast-rising southpaw is still twenty-four years of age.

In a companion ten, Namio Akamine, the fourth junior lightweight of the JBC (Japan Boxing Commission), defeated Kazuaki Hamada by a lopsided verdict (dual 49-44 and 49-42). Each entered the ring at the 130-pound limit. The taller Namio, now 13-2-1 with three kayos, failed to put over the finisher in spite of scoring a rope down in round nine.

In a feather eight, Masami Tomita, 125¾, won from Ken Togawa, 126.

Lanky junior flyweight Shuichi Hozumi, unbeaten in six bouts, eked out a split decision

from Toshihiro Okumoto in six. Each scaled at 109¾.

Featherweight hope Hiroyuki Yatsu made it three straight, all by kayo, when he stretched Ryuichi Imai in the third round.

The card was presented by Honda's Teiken Club.

JAPAN

TOKYO, KORAKUEN HALL–Bantamweight Shuichi Isogami, the sixth WBC contender, seemed to lack his usual zip, but threw a great many body punches to sink Eddie Miral, the top notcher from the Philippines, at 2:02 of the eighth round before an estimated 1,500 customers.

The 23-year-old Isogami, who had compiled eighteen wins with twelve kayos against one defeat and two draws, was a prohibitive favorite who was gunning for a crack at either the WBA or WBC bantam titles, held by Jorge Lujan and Carlos Zarate, respectively. The shorter but sturdy Isogami, as usual, did not start the fireworks early, and Miral, 25-10-7 with ten kayoes, took the lead with his long rights to the face in the second session. However, Isogami began working to the breadbasket of the Filipino upright stylist, who was compelled to backpedal from the fourth round on. The Japanese became an obvious aggressor, dominating three more rounds as the bout progressed. Miral tried hard to cover himself up against the rain of Isogami's many but rather ineffective body shots. The crowd was entertained by the sudden stoppage caused by Isogami's solid liver punch, which floored Miral for the ten-count.

Isogami, one pound heavier than the lanky loser's 117¾, has to correct his flaw of being a very slow starter, as he has allowed his previous two opponents fight their own way in the early sessions.

In a semi-final ten, a unique happening had the witnesses standing on their feet. Lefty puncher Tetsumasa Naga, who was ahead on points with his more aggressive attack, was knocked unconscious by a strong right from Seishi Ii just after the bell sounded to end the eighth round. If Naga had stood up, the fight would have been resumed with a sufficient rest given to him. However, the damage to Naga, who hit the deck first with the back of the head, was such that he was carried out of the squared circle with a stretcher and was hospitalized later. The JBC declared it a disqualification at 3:01 of the eighth round in the flattened pancake's favor. The Commission's decision was natural enough. Naga and Ii are both possessed of glass jaws as well as strong power punching. Lefty Naga, 16-8-1 (ten kayoes) and as heavy as the loser at 120 pounds, survived a knockdown in the second round and immediately retaliated on Ii, 12-10-2 with ten kayoes, dropping the latter with a swift straight left. Owing to Ii's lack of stamina, Naga occasionally had him at bay.

PAGADIAN CITY–Lightweight favorite Al Del Rosario, 136, was stopped by Hermie Villaneuva, 137, in the sixth round of their tenner, presented by promoter Porperio Tejano.

SAN FERNANDO, PAMP.–National champions appeared in non-title tenners, but each suffered unexpected setbacks at the hand of youngsters. Featherweight boss Nene Jun, 130, could not catch Sony Soriano, 131, and lost a majority decision in ten hot frames.

GAB junior lightweight leader Arman Bangoyan, 129, dropped a unanimous decision to Boy Reyes, the number two contender, in ten upset rounds. However, if their weights, as announced by the GAB, are correct, Bangoyan's national title should be wrested by Boy, or they were both under the 130-pound limit. But Bangoyan is still Filipino champ on the GAB monthly ratings.

Romy Cunanan, 130, was a unanimous winner over Rocky Gernandizo, same weight, in ten. Junior lightweight Young Dela Cruz, 133, annexed a unanimous duke from Joe Almano, 133, in ten.

Banty Eddie Miral, 119, utilized his reach and gained a unanimous decision over Pablo Gernandizo, 119 pounds, in ten.

The five ten-rounders, which entertained the crowd very much, were presented by Antonio Esguerra.

DAVAO CITY–Five tenners were seen under the promotion of Casim Jamaani. GAB third super bantamweight Rudy Patalinhug, 120, won a unanimous decision from Roy Arcillas, 121, in ten.

Flyweight Ric Barimbad, 111, fought Andy Balaba, 109, in a close contest and was awarded a split decision in ten frames.

Filipino fourth-ranked 140-pounder, William Mardizon uanimously beat Art Galula, one pound lighter at 137, in ten. Fifth feather fighter Primo Bulambao, 127, and Nitoy Banulan, 128, battled to a split draw in ten heats. The only man to score a kayo win was super bantam Jun Belemac, who halted Berto Malinao in round eight. Each entered the roped square at the 122-pound limit.

MANILA, QUEZON–GAB second super bantam Bernie Solis, 124, proved he could punch, as he caught Mar Agustin, 123¼, and finished him in the ninth round.

PILAR, CAPIZ–Lightweight top notcher Mike Benitz, 136, was surprisingly held to a majority draw with Rey Bustillos, 136, in ten close frames.

MANILA, RMC–Rising Johnny Sato, 129½, who recently outgrew the featherweight class, proved too strong for Max Boy Toyogon, whom he technically kayoed in the fifth round.

The top ranked flyweight of the GAB, Frank Cedeno, 114, defeated Franco Torregosa, at the same weight, by winning a unanimous decision in ten heats.

The promoter was Arcadio Muralla.

MINDORO–GAB No. 2 banty Raffy Saulong, 118, scored a TKO victory over Ely Barrios, 120 pounds, in the ninth round of their scheduled tenner.

GEN. SANTOS CITY–In Agustin Garcia's card, featuring a dual tenner, hard-hitting Ric Diamale, GAB junior feather boss at 120 pounds, displayed his power in demolishing Gony Albar, 121, in the sixth session of their ten-round main event.

Overweight junior flyweights met in a semi-final ten, and George Pedroso, 115, lost a unanimous decision to rising Ed Cabreros, 115 pounds. It was presented by promoter Agustin Garcia.

CLARK AIR BASE–GAB fourth welterweight Erning Marin reduced his weight to 138 pounds, but his power did not seem lost, as he finished Resty Boniquit, 137¼, in the sixth round of their scheduled tenner promoted by Antonio Esquerra.

THAILAND

BANGKOK, RAJADAMNERN STADIUM–TBC's (Thailand Boxing Commission) second junior featherweight, Morkasakdi Muangsurin, scored an easy kayo over Dansing S. Phayathai, their number four featherweight, in the third round.

BANGKOK, RAJADAMNERN STADIUM–TBC junior flyweight contender Suriya Pratumvadee won a decision over youngster Srisan Muangsurin in six.

BANGKOK, RAJADAMNERN STADIUM–Suriya's elder brother, Sureya Pratumvadee, the fifth TBC flyweight, defeated hitherto unbeaten Sakianan Leadchoupha in six unanimous rounds.

BANGKOK, LUMPINEE STADIUM–Thai featherweight ranker Manus Loangern won a unanimous decision rookie Kespetch O. Yuthnakorn in six rounds.

BANGKOK, RAJADAMNERN STADIUM–Flyweight Kaowkrachang S. Thanikool won a decision over Num S. Phayathai in six rounds.

BANGKOK, RAJADAMNERN STADIUM–Banty Sakianan Loadchoupha defeated Mathuphoom Siththamrong in six hot frames.

BANGKOK, RAJADAMNERN STADIUM–It was a big upset. TBC junior featherweight champ Dejvarin Hollywood was knocked out by Pisvong Sithbungerd in the first session of their non-title sixer. Hollywood's carelessness might have accounted for the kayo.

BANGKOK, RAJADAMNERN STADIUM–Top feather contender Kinphellek Sakornphitak decisively beat Chaiyong Petchkasem in six rounds.

BANGKOK, RAJADAMNERN STADIUM–TBC top junior flyweight speedster Chukthep Chuvatana won a decision over Pornchai Sakdiphotong, the tenth 112-pounder, in six unanimous rounds.

BANGKOK, RAJADAMNERN STADIUM–The top welterweight contender of Thailand, Kunphol Sakornphitak, displayed superior power and experience as he polished off Smuthchai Lookbangkrasop in the first session of their six round bout.

The loser was engaging in his first international style fight, and looked too nervous despite his kick-boxing career.

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LYLE BEATS LeDOUX IN BATTLE FOR "SURVIVAL"

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missing many of his shots. He hit Terrell with a low blow during the round and was penalized a point by referee Buddy Basilico.

After the low blow, Terrell maneuvered Jones into the corner; but Jones turned the tables late in the ninth and again in the tenth.

The crowd felt that Jones had physically bullied the lighter Terrell throughout the fight, and was thoroughly displeased with the decision.

Judge Harold Buck scored 45-44 for Terrell, but Charles Minker scored 46-43 and Art Lurie 46-44, both for Jones.

Following the fight, Leroy Jones shouted: "I should have dropped him. But I'm weaker than usual because I dropped my weight from 270 to 240."

Leroy's garrulous trainer, Bobby Lewis, stated: "We're not going to let him lose any more weight. And we're gonna keep fighting and winning. We're not running from anybody!"

The only knockout on the card came in the opening bout as Michael "Dynamite" Dokes, 205, of Akron, Ohio, kayoed Greg Sorrentino, 200, of Syracuse, New York. The knockout came at 2:33 of the third round.

Sorrentino, who is managed by former welter and middleweight champion Carmen Basilio, was sluggish and ineffective from the opening bell. He did not land a single effective punch, and was easy prey for the aggressive, unbeaten Dokes.

Sorrentino went down early in the first round after a pair of lethal lefts by Dokes. The second round was slow, as Dokes appeared to be pacing himself. But "Dynamite" exploded in the third round, sending several straight shots to Sorrentino's body. These were followed by a left hook and two successive rights that sent the hapless Sorrentino to the canvas.

The win brings Dokes unbeaten record to 13-0.

A dull and anti-climactic walkout bout pitted welterweights Ruby "The Snake" Ortiz, 140, of Brooklyn, against Rogelio Castenada, 138, of Los Angeles. Ortiz emerged with a unanimous decision.

Added attaction on the Lyle-LeDoux "survival" card was a six-round exhibition by WBC heavyweight champion Larry Holmes.

Holmes sparred three half-hearted rounds with little known heavyweight, Lynn Ball of Las Vegas. He went the other three with his sparring partner, Jody Ballard. Ballard was determined to put on a fight, exhibition or no. The slugging continued after the final bell, until both corner men pried their fighters loose.

Holmes engaged in Ali-like theatrics throughout the exhibition, and the crowd began to yell: "We want Ali." Holmes retorted, "Then go get him!"

OLD BROADWAY

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game for fifty-five years. Freddy admits he did a little boxing of his own, as an amateur, but never as a pro. Associated with Ray Arcel in the training of Roberto Duran, ex-lightweight king, now fighting as a welter, Brown has handled more than 300 fighters. Brown is now seventy-two. Freddie has been married for thirty years. His wife's name is Murial. They have two daughters, Jerilyn and Arline, and two grandsons, Jarrett and Richard.

The Ring is saddened to report the death of Simon Bronenberg, our correspondent in the Argentine for many years. Mr. Bronenberg, a dedicated boxing man, passed away on April 27, 1979.

Our deepest sympathies to his family and many friends. He will be missed.

NEBRASKA NIBBLINGS

By ROBERT J. RUIZ

OMAHA—The start of the professional fight season in the cornhusker state resulted in an upset loss for rugged Ron Stander, a local legend. 3,050 witnessed the points defeat of the Iowa heavyweight. Ten rounds.

James Dixon, 210, Knoxville, Tenn. fresh off a win over Nick Welles, turned the trick against the aggressive Stander, 226, handing the courageous Iowan his first ever points defeat in a Nebraska ring.

What beat Ron wasn't so much superior firepower as leg power. Dixon was just never around when Stander wanted him. Instead, Dixon allowed himself to be chased throughout the fight. However, when he was ready, Dixon would move in for some sharp shooting, especially from underneath when Ron would try to charge. The fight was a good one but unfortunately, for the favorite of the crowd, Stander, the burly Iowan just couldn't reach his elusive foe with enough firepower to warrant a win. Dixon's speed and clever boxing won out. Judges Don Elbaum of Cleveland had it 97-94, George Trupp 97-96 and Bob Ruiz 96-95 in favor of Dixon. Unanimous.

Scoring his fifty-ninth kayo, Sean O'Grady, 137, Oklahoma City TKO'd Rodriguez Perez, 137, Corpus Christi, Texas, in five. Bout was an action packed one going just as long as O'Grady wanted it to. A flurry of body punches brought down the game Perez in this scheduled ten-rounder.

Council Bluffs, Iowa's Lupe Guerra, 204, ran his record to 6-0 by disposing of scrappy Louis Brown, 210, Oklahoma in six via TKO. Guerra is an excellent prospect who may surprise someday by getting himself into real condition for once.

In another well fought match between two willing combatants, Bruce Strauss, Neola, Iowa, stopped Clyde Spencer, Oklahoma, in the sixth and last round of their welterweight go.

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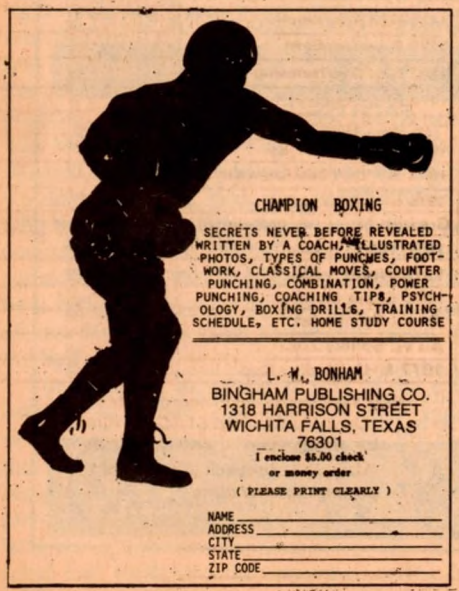

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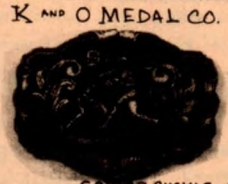
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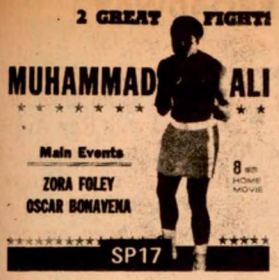

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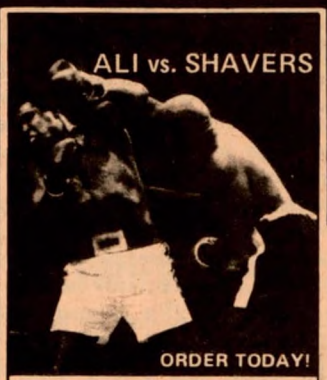

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in the early 1940s in Sweden with Joe Baksi. Even the most patriotic Svenskas had to agree it was something less than the Second Battle of the Marne. But none of the foreign press was quite ready for the breath of fresh air which came from Olle.

"I don't think it was much to look at," Tandberg volunteered. "Frankly, I don't think I won!"

An important source of boxing lore, Scandinavian division, is Karl Otto Westin. He is a former amateur heavyweight of considerable distinction in Swedish circles. He also is a well regarded vocalist, as well as a producer of shows for Radio City. One of his prize projects is a musical play about the life and times of Wilson Mizner, a man-about-boxing pre-World War I who was closely identified with Stanley Ketchel.

"The breed, modern breed, I mean, doesn't measure up, he says. "An old time Scandinavian like Battling Nelson is something apart. You can't expect the people who are around to subject themselves to the sort of grind as they did in the old days.

"What I am saying is that the Scandinavian will train hard–but not too hard. They want to win–but not that much.

"They also know that there is an underlying prejudice against boxing in the Scandinavian countries. It has been outlawed before. Just wait, whenever a fatality occurs, they forget the good things that boxing has done. The Scandinavian wowsers will want to knock it off for morality's sake, or something else."

Westin recalls that some of the best prospects have never gone beyond the amateur stage, for this very reason. "Carl Brisson would have been a champion, I'm sure," he said. Brisson was a Dane and father-in-law to the late Rosaland Russell.

"He was brilliant in the ring, boxing and punching." "Even late in life he used to train religiously. He had a pro's attitude. He understood. He knew the cards were stacked against him. But he never was going to quit training."

JOE BURMAN

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that the ring career of Joe Burman ended in controversy. He was set for the battle of his life on April 23, 1924 in Madison Square Garden against Joe Lynch. When Lynch refused to fight Burman due to the shoulder injury, the latter claimed the bantamweight crown but his claim fell on deaf ears. The same year, Abe Goldstein beat Lynch for the world's 118-pound crown in a fifteen-rounder in New York on March 21.

After Joe Burman retired from pugilism in the mid-1920s, he went into business in Chicago. During the 1930s, Burman moved to Hollywood, where he worked in the movies with ex-fighters Jimmy McLarnin, Mushy Callahan, and Kid Chissell. In the 1950s, Joe Burman joined the rambunctious Cauliflower Alley Club, which honored him with a lifetime membership. Ill health forced Burman to curb his social activities, and he died in West Hollywood at the age of eighty. During his heralded career, Joe Burman fought four world champions and he would have been satisfied if his scheduled fifteen-rounder with Joe Lynch in 1924 had taken place, win, lose or draw. Joe Burman was, indeed, a credit to boxing.

DAVID MOORE: BRONX

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round of the Gloves quarterfinals, Moore pounced on his unfortunate adversary and floored him three times in the next minute for a quick TKO. "I can't believe it's the same guy," marvelled an awe-struck commentator for ABC-TV who had interviewed Davey before the bout. "Outside the ring he's such a gentleman, but in the ring he's an animal!"

"I don't like getting hit like that," commented Davey. "It's embarrassing."

Davey likes to model himself after Wilfred Benitez and admires bantam stylist Wilfredo Gomez, but Sugar Ray Robinson remains his all-time favorite. A high school honor student, he's in his first year at Manhattan Community College and studying Business Administration. "You can't be a fighter forever," he explains. "When I hang up the gloves, I want a viable career."

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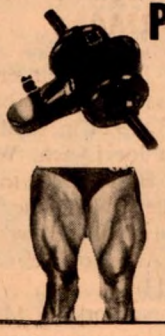

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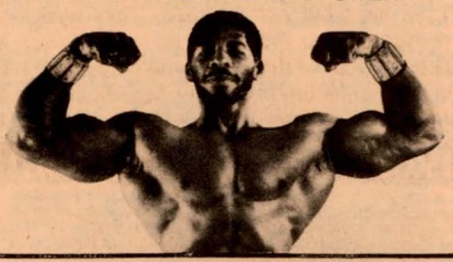

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SOUTH AFRICAN RING NEWS

By ED CLARK

WELKOM–Rookie Mervin Smit tossed a shock in the ratings when he clearly outpointed South African champion Sydney Hoho over eight rounds in a light heavy weight bout. Smit picked his punches and kept on top of Hoho, who barely won a round. The champion's experience stood him in good stead, as he was able to hold and clinch and weave out of trouble. Hoho threw caution to the winds in the ist round but Smit weathered the storm.

VEREENIGING–David "Babylux" Kambule kayoed Rhodesian Jimmy Ellis in the second round at the Vaal Showgrounds. Ellis was hammered to the head and body in the first and was sent to the canvas. In the second a short right to the jaw put Ellis down, and he could not beat the count in the welterweight fight.

Johannes Sithebe also scored a second round knockout. He stopped Vicky Pretorious for the Transvaal featherweight title. Sithebe had Pretorious on the ropes in the first and a straight right to the jaw ended proceedings in the second.

Ephraim Mabena decisioned David Kgotsane, six, welters; Samson Mohlai outscored Joe Mpesi, six, middles; Raymond Mashifane outpointed David Mokhele, six, junior middleweights.

PORT ELIZABETH–Peter Mathebula retained his South African flyweight title by stopping Phindile Gaika on a TKO in the ninth round. The challenger took the fight to the champion and Mathebula was cut under the eye in the second. Mathebula, however, was coming to the fore via his counter punching. From the sixth, Mathebula took control and Gaika courageously fought back. Mathebula was pouring leather on Gaika in the ninth and a right cross put Gaika on the canvas. Gaika was helpless against the further onslaught of Mathebula and the referee halted the fight.

Harold Saaiman and Alby Opperman drew, six, light heavyweights; Cecil Baatjies TKO's Vangile Dlamini, four, featherweights; Anton Weitz decisioned Graham Bolo, four, junior welters.

JOHANNESBURG–Peet bothma won the vacant South African lightweight title by defeating Rolly Xipu over twelve rounds at the Wembley Ice Rink. It was a gruelling fight with Xipu dominating in the first half and Bothma showing great fitness in coming from behind to win. In fact, in the last two rounds, Bothma was chasing his opponent around rhe ring.

Bushy Bester scored a first round knockout over Patrick Tshabalala, just one minute, twenty seconds in a junior middleweight bout. Two vicious right crossed had Tshabalala down twice before the closure.

Martin Barnard outsocred Smiley Giesing, four, light heavyweights; Ernest Moldei outpointed Gregory Schmidt, four, junior welters; Daniel Mphuthi outscored Fred Berry, four, middleweights; Aladdin Stevens decisioned Deon Labuschagne, four, catch weights.

In a supporting bout over eight rounds, South African welterweight champion Harold Volbrecht clearly beat Griffiths Mgijima, winning at least six rounds. Volbrecht landed frequently with rights and lefts to the body and head but could not put Mgijima down.

DURBAN–Elijah "Tap Tap" Makhathini used his trusty left hook with telling effect to knock out highly touted Charlie Weir in the eighth round of a scheduled ten-roud middle weight fight at the New Kingsmead Rugby Stadium before a crowd of 15,000 spectators. Three times Makhathini felled Weir, in the second, the fifth, and the eighth. Weir was surprised at the first knockdown, shaken in the second, but the final left hook had him down and out cold without a hope of beating the count.

"Tap Tap" substituted for German Frank Wissenbach, who arrived in South Africa with an injured hand as was sent back home, but what a substitute he was. Weir was slightly ahead on points despite the earlier knockdowns. Weir applied pressure from the first bell with a two-fisted attack and straight rights to the jaw buckled Makhathini's knees, but Makhathini, a slow starter, landed a left which left a mark under Weir's right eye. In the second, Weir again handed out punishment, throwing leather from all angles but, just as the round was ending, a left hook from Makhathini caught Weir on the jaw and Weir hit the canvas. He rose to take a standing count. Weir went into the third with a vengeance and his work rate was outnumbering Makhathini, although Weir was warned for butting. Weir shaded the fourth, using jabs and hooks but in the opening seconds of the fifth, Weir was caught with a left hook to the head and was shaken, but held on to see out the round. Weir hurt Makhathini in the sixth with a right and continued to be the aggressor. In the seventh, Makhathini was scoring well to the head with his left hooks. The end came early in the eighth, when Makhathini hit Weir with a short right and then a left hook that spun Weir round and sent him to the canvas.

Mike Schutte, former South African heavyweight title holder, returned to ring action by knocking out Rhodesian Ringo Starr in the second round. Schutte was on the canvas in the first.

Jimmy Abbott continued his winning ways when he beat rival Robbie Williams on a fourth round knockout in a heavyweight bout. Abbott was down in the first round but came back to floor williams thrice. Abbott was also down in the second round, as Williams caught him with combinations. In the third, Williams, attacked strongly and Abbott concentrated on body blows. In the fourth, Abbott had Williams down for a count of "eight" before the final knockdown.

Theunis Kok impressed with a six-round points victory over Bruce McIntyre in a light heavyweight fight. Kok had McIntyre on the canvas twice, in the first and third and won all the rounds clearly.

NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

By RAY MITCHELL

Australian heavyweight and light heavyweight champion Tony Mundine, now under new management, had a piece of cake at Melbourne Town Hall. His opponent was American Tony Greene, and it was a one-horse race. Mundine, 176, scored with a right under the heart in the first round and Greene never got into the fight from that moment. Mundine used Greene, 167, for practice in the second round, opened up and decked him twice in the third, then twice more in the fourth, the final time bringing the count-out from referee Gus Mercurio.

In the main support, also over ten, former Australian amateur champion Stan Bogovix, 176, continued his winning pro ways by halting Sam N'Gata, 182, in round six. A disappointing contest with a disappointing ending in that 'Gata was dropped by a punch to the body, got up at eight, and walked to his corner. The crowd did not approve.

The crowd, however, certainly approved of the right-rounder in which coz Ferreri, 146, outpointed Russell Nunn, 146. A shower of coins and notes came into the ring–and that shower was worth $110, a really big one.

The fight of the year took place at Brisbane Festival Hall when Greg Liesegang, 129¾, tangled with Fred Burns, 127¼, for the vacant Queensland State junior lightweight title. Most of those who saw it rated it one of the greatest ring battles they had ever seen.

Referee Des Crabbe had the boys even going into the tenth and final round. Then Liesegang's aggression paid off against the boxer Burns. It was not sudden, as Burns had been decked late in the ninth, regaining his feet as the bell ended the round.

This time, he failed to beat the time. He was under the bottom rope when the towel came in, and Fred stayed there for a few minutes.

Anxiously, Liesegang went to his fallen foe and asked him how he was. Freddie's reply was a classic: "I'm OK, mate, just getting a bit of shade!"

The main support over eight was won by Gary Tomlinson, 147, over Alby Roberts, 141¼–K.O. in round four.

BOXING IN MEXICO

By EDUARDO AMER G.

TUXTLA GUTIERREZ CHIAPAS–Ruben Olivares, 126, drew with Guillermo "Lobo" Morales, 126, ten. Ney Gordillo, 136, technically kayoes Rafael Rojas, 135, in seven. Bernardo Ibarra, 118, TKO'd Raul Decaro, 118, in seven. Elid Fernandez, 111, won by technical decision over Juan "Monito" Diaz, 111, nine. Roberto Ramos, 111, and "Borrego" Martinez, 110, drew, ten.

CIUDAD OBREGON, SONORA–Juan Antonio Lopez, 120, stopped Benjamin Gonzalez, 121, six. Norberto Cabrera, 118, halted Abel Torres, 119, five.

CHETUMAL, QUINTANA ROO–Wilbert Canche, 115, decisioned David Raygoza, 116, ten. Guadalupe Perez, 144, demolished Manuel Sanchez Camara, 146, in four.

SAN LUIS POTOSI–Manuel "Loco" Torres, 135, bested Aurelio Muniz, 135, ten. Joel Segura, 111, bombed Jose "Hielero" Castillo, 111, in four. Alfredo Segura, 112, nailed Jose Luis "Pelon" Castillo, 112, in five.

CIUDAD JUAREZ, CHIHUAHUA–Ernesto Davis, 135, of Panama, and "Canguro" Estrada, 135, drew, ten.

MERIDA, YUCATAN–Luis "Pajarito" Aguilar, 111, outpointed Guillermo Mis, 112, ten. Ricardo "Leoncito" Peralta, 135, stopped Angel "Pantera" Cortes, 136, in two. Marco Figueroa, 111, TKO'd Betillo Ochoa, 110, in two. Jorge Cano, 112, TKO'd Jorge Lopez, 112, in five. Roberto Caballero, 108, embalmed Antonio Leal, 109, in one.

MEXICO CITY–Juan Garcia, 126, knocked out Silvino Rubio, 124, in three. Felipe Azamar, 111, TKO'd Al Castro, 111, in the very first round. Juan Valencia, 113, TKO'd Evaristo Martinez, 112, in four. Juan Carlos Castro, 115, TKO'd Marcelo Vega, 115, in two. Javier Esquivel, 116, TKO'd Rafael Castillo, 114, in one.

MEXICO CITY–Gustavo Salgado, 121, upset Justo Garcia, 122, ten. Roberto Cruz, 165, beat Armando "Aleman" Alatorres, 164, ten. Sergio Sanchez, 123, TKO'd Jesus Salvador, 124, in three. Rodolfo Ortega, 113, outscored Martin Ortonez, 114, six. Martin Vidal, 111, TKO'd Basilio Ortiz, 111, in one. Pascual Garcia, 114, kayoed Juan Maya, 113, in two.

GUAYMAS, SONORA–Manuel "Topo Gigio" Vazquez, 117, won over Candelario "Conde" Bobadilla, 118, ten.

MEXICAN RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHT
Champion: Chebo Hernandez
1. Ismael Ruiz
2. "Mongol" Ortiz
3. Fernando Montes
4. Polo Najera
5. Jorge "Martillo" Flores
6. Juan Olvera
7. Azael Gutierrez
8. Guillermo Vargas
9. Moises "Moi" Martinez
10. Sabino Villanueva

LIGHTWEIGHT
Champion: Jose "Chamizal" Hernandez
1. Ney Gordillo
2. Gerardo Ferrat
3. Jose Luis Ramirez
4. Jose Luis Castillo
5. Betillo Gutierrez
6. Ignacio Campos
7. Rafael Nunez
8. Leonardo "Chino" Bermudez
9. Aurelio Muniz
10. Rafael Rojas

LIGHTHEAVYWEIGHT
Champion: David "Maceton" Cabrera
1. Manuel Elizondo
2. Emeterio Villanueva
3. Julio Cruz
4. Ruben Rivera
5. Lino Fuentes
6. Manuel Fierro
7. Herminio "Loba" Ramirez
8. Rogelio "Bufalo" Vera
9. Rafael Gutierrez
10. Roberto Cruz

FEATHERWEIGHT
Champion: Guillermo "Lobo" Morales
1. Salvador Sanchez
2. Jose Torres
3. Gustavo Salgado
4. Justo Garcia
5. Brigigo Martinez
6. Camilo Ibarra
7. Edel Borunda
8. Ernesto Herrera
9. Salvador "Negro" Torres
10. Salvador Torres

MIDDLEWEIGHT
Champion: Marcos Geraldo
1. Joaquin "Petrolero" Macias
2. Mario "Seco" Luna
3. Benito "Kid" Ibarra
4. Ariel Favela
5. Vicente Medina
6. Manuel Torres
7. Juan Carlos Ortiz
8. Rodolfo Valero
9. Antonio Adame
10. Gregorio Rodriguez

BANTAMWEIGHT
Champion: Hector Medina
1. Alfonso Zamora
2. Lupe Pintor
3. Norberto Cabrera
4. Roberto Rubaldino
5. Antonio "Tono" Becerra
6. Joaquin Acuna
7. Ausencio "Torito" Melendez
8. Jose "Mixe" Bautista
9. Rafael Gandarilla
10. Paulino Canche

WELTERWEIGHT
Champion: Jose Luis Baltazar
1. Jose Figueroa
2. Abel Cordoba
3. Adan Chavarria
4. Jose Baquedano
5. Jose Palacios
6. Jose Duarte
7. Francisco Famoso
8. Antonio Leyva
9. Andres "Pantera" Ramirez
10. Adolfo Sanjeado

FLYWEIGHT
Champion: Ubaldo "Baldo" Gonzalez
1. Miguel Canto
2. Guty Espadas
3. Valentin "Duende" Martinez
4. Jose Gallegos
5. Freddie Castillo
6. Pedro Flores
7. Samuel Machorro
8. Jose Luis Cruz
9. Antonio "Poema" Avelar
10. Lupe Madera

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHT
(Title vacant)
1. Amado "Panterita" Ursua
2. Candido Tellez
3. German Torres
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